

Wasatch County Weed Board Minutes

Wasatch County Public Works
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Heber City, Utah 84032

APPROVED
JANUARY 8, 2025

November 06, 2024 @ 1:00PM

Topic	Discussion
Attendance	Steve Farrell—County Council Laurie Backus—Weed Board Chairman Quintin Lewis—Weed Dept. Head George Muir—Weed Board Edd Sabey—Weed Board Eric Bunker—Weed Board Steve Smith—Weed Board Wes Crump—USU Extension Travis Price— Heber City Code Enforcement Amanda Simpson—Wasatch County Public Works Office
Welcome and Review of Minutes	The August 14, 2024 Minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Steve Farrell, seconded by George Muir.
Weed Grant Updates (Quintin Lewis)	Forest Contract (2023- 2026) for \$20,000 - We billed for \$9,450 leaving \$10,550 for next year. We will possibly get another \$10,000.00 added to this. Weed Supervisor (2024)– Leafy Spurge and other invasives for \$10,000 - We billed for \$10,000 and are just waiting for payment. Jerry Caldwell is the chairman and he is retiring so their will possibly be changes down the road.
Updates on CWMA (Quintin Lewis)	Summit County Lodge Pesticide Workshop 9-3 November 7 th at Summit Lodge. They are handing out CEU's and lunch will be provided. Chemical and Equipment Loan Out Program: Acres – 7,389 Hours – 5,685 2-4,D – 360 gallons Milestone – 55 quarts Duracore – 9 gallons Highnoon – 1 gallon Trailer – 353 days

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Annual Weed Conference (Laurie Backus)	Save the Date: Our annual Utah Weed Control Association Conference will take place at the Brigham Academy Center at 50 N Main, Brigham City, Utah on February 19-20th, 2025. There is money in the budget to cover Weed Board registration so please let us know if you would like to attend and we can sign you up.																																																																		
Budget Review (Quintin Lewis)	Preliminary Budget: <table><tr><th>Account Title</th><th>Account Category</th><th>2025 Budget Request</th></tr><tr><td colspan="3">Weed & Pest Control</td></tr><tr><td>ISM LEAFY SPURGE GRANT</td><td>GRANTS</td><td>\$ -</td></tr><tr><td>Title II Weed Grant Forest Agreement</td><td>GRANTS</td><td>\$ (10,500)</td></tr><tr><td>ISM LANDOWNER GRANT</td><td>GRANTS</td><td>\$ -</td></tr><tr><td>WEED SUPERVISOR GRANT</td><td>GRANTS</td><td>\$ (10,000)</td></tr><tr><td>PERMANENT EMPLOYEES</td><td>PERSONNEL EXPENSES</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</td><td>PERSONNEL EXPENSES</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>PUBLIC NOTICES</td><td>OPERATING EXPENSES</td><td>\$ 1,500</td></tr><tr><td>TRAVEL</td><td>OPERATING EXPENSES</td><td>\$ 2,750</td></tr><tr><td>TRAVEL - CWMA</td><td>OPERATING EXPENSES</td><td>\$ 1,000</td></tr><tr><td>OFFICE EXPENSE & SUPPLIES</td><td>OPERATING EXPENSES</td><td>\$ 1,000</td></tr><tr><td>EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES & MAINT.</td><td>OPERATING EXPENSES</td><td>\$ 10,000</td></tr><tr><td>FUEL</td><td>FIXED EXPENSES</td><td>\$ 6,000</td></tr><tr><td>Weed Board</td><td>OPERATING EXPENSES</td><td>\$ 700</td></tr><tr><td>OPERATING LEASE</td><td>FIXED EXPENSES</td><td>\$ 1,000</td></tr><tr><td>BLDG. GRDS. SUPPLIES & MAINT.</td><td>FIXED EXPENSES</td><td>\$ -</td></tr><tr><td>VEHICLE MAINT.</td><td>FIXED EXPENSES</td><td>\$ 200</td></tr><tr><td>VEHICLE REPLACEMENT</td><td>FIXED EXPENSES</td><td>\$ 13,000</td></tr><tr><td>PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL</td><td>OPERATING EXPENSES</td><td>\$ -</td></tr><tr><td>SPECIAL DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES</td><td>OPERATING EXPENSES</td><td>\$ 53,000</td></tr><tr><td>FOGGER SUPPLIES</td><td>OPERATING EXPENSES</td><td>\$ 500</td></tr></table> A motion to approve the preliminary budget as presented was made by George Muir, seconded by Steve Smith.	Account Title	Account Category	2025 Budget Request	Weed & Pest Control			ISM LEAFY SPURGE GRANT	GRANTS	\$ -	Title II Weed Grant Forest Agreement	GRANTS	\$ (10,500)	ISM LANDOWNER GRANT	GRANTS	\$ -	WEED SUPERVISOR GRANT	GRANTS	\$ (10,000)	PERMANENT EMPLOYEES	PERSONNEL EXPENSES		EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	PERSONNEL EXPENSES		PUBLIC NOTICES	OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 1,500	TRAVEL	OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 2,750	TRAVEL - CWMA	OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 1,000	OFFICE EXPENSE & SUPPLIES	OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 1,000	EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES & MAINT.	OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 10,000	FUEL	FIXED EXPENSES	\$ 6,000	Weed Board	OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 700	OPERATING LEASE	FIXED EXPENSES	\$ 1,000	BLDG. GRDS. SUPPLIES & MAINT.	FIXED EXPENSES	\$ -	VEHICLE MAINT.	FIXED EXPENSES	\$ 200	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT	FIXED EXPENSES	\$ 13,000	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ -	SPECIAL DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES	OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 53,000	FOGGER SUPPLIES	OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 500
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Follow Ups from Last Meeting/ Committee Concerns, Updates and	- Wes Crump updated the Board on how they did an alternative herbicide trial with Summit County and Sarah Jo Dickens. They performed the trial on Garlic Mustard as well as Canada and Musk thistle. It seemed to have the greatest effect on the Garlic Mustard, knocking them back. They are writing reports on it now, and are using 2-4,D as a comparison. It will be interesting to see what the regrowth looks like next year. This will take a few years to complete the trial. Wes said that he has been getting a lot of																																																																		

Issues	interest in an alternative to chemicals, so it will be a good trial to have underway. - Steve Smith said he talked to Dano with the Forest Service about a week ago and Dano wants to thank the Council for all of the help with the Yellow Lake Fire. Steve also found out that the Forest Service is letting two of their employees go so they will not have much temporary help. It sounds like they do not want temp help anymore so he is worried about what that is going to look like for them with Weed Control. Steve Smith then handed the board before and after pictures of where he had protein blocks set out in Canada thistle. He will revisit the sight next year to see what it looks like as well. - Eric Bunker passed around a story that KSL did on phragmites and cattle at the Great Salt Lake. - Travis Price talked about how he is wanting to let the residents know the ideal time to start spraying and other info, but is discovering the cost that is associated with printing the literature, and can't let that fall on the Police Department's budget. Quintin asked about the newsletter that goes out with the electricity bill, and Travis explained that that was the estimate that they gave him that he is referring to. Laurie suggested using a QR code that leads them to the website to reduce on print cost. Travis talked about how they have been updating the website with new information regarding Weed Abatement, and are trying to find the best way to let developers know the best way for them to stay on top of Weed control. Quintin asked if the HOA was taking over these developments, and Travis said once the developments are done the responsibility on Weed control gets signed back over to the residents, but that it is a case by case basis. Travis said he talked to his city manager and it was taken to council and a company was hired to spray along canals. Steve Farrell asked if Travis sat down with Chris York to come up with a plan with CUP responsibilities and Travis said that yes, they have sat down to discuss concerns. - Steve Smith also wanted to bring up that when he was talking to Dano, and Dano did indicate he would take action on weeds that Steve brought up to him. So that was promising.
Next Meeting / Meeting Adjourned	In lieu of our December meeting we will have our end of year Holiday Lunch. Amanda will work on getting a date that works for everyone and then reach out to see who has availability for accommodating a group our size. A motion to adjourn the Meeting was made by George Muir, seconded by Eric Bunker.

