

**MINUTES OF WEED BOARD MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 BEGINNING
AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE WEED OFFICE 757 EAST 1800 NORTH DUCHESNE, UTAH**

Present

Weed Department Supervisor Braxton Spencer; Duchesne County Weed Dept. Employee Tommy Thacker; Board Members Rodger Ames, Melissa Hughes, Kim Harding, Jim Young, Commissioner Tracy Killian, and Connie Sweat taking minutes of the meeting.

Welcome

Welcome by Rodger Ames.

Introduction Of New Employee

Braxton introduced Tommy Thacker as the new employee for the Weed Department. Summer help left at the end of July.

Consideration of Minutes From March 25, 2024

Motion to approve with a date correction made by Melissa Hughes, second by Kim Harding. All in favor.

Discussion of ISM Grant (Invasive Species Mitigation) thru UDAF

Braxton met with UDAF, there are many options available with the ISM Grant. Some counties do a 'free chemical day' where one gallon containers of ready to use chemicals are handed out for free. This grant can also be used to help with equipment costs.

(Jim Young entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.)

Review of Russian Olive Removal Projects

Kim led a brief discussion about spraying with a drone, the costs involved, American versus Chinese made. Some discussion about the spring drone presentation.

Braxton stated there will be an aerial application of about 20 acres for Russian Olive & Tamarisk on Wed., Sept. 25.

Braxton and Tommy will be taking the drone training in early November given by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Discussion and Consideration of Winter Projects

Discussion about treating the Ioka Lane area. It was stated the recommendation is to spray after the first freeze.

Braxton is to contact Marcus Colorow about the Tribal areas that need to be treated. Rodger stated 7000 N from 6000 to 18000 West has a lot of willow growth. Get with the Road Department about getting some possible help.

Discussion and Consideration of Road R-O-W's to Address

Getting things caught up. State roads have all been sprayed, will spray again in the Spring.

Discussion and Consideration of Musk Thistle in the Altonah Area

Still having issues with the same land owner / acreage that they have been addressing for a couple of years. Commissioner Killian suggested contacting the County Compliance Officer and having him contact the land owner.

Discussion of Booth at the County Fair

This would be a great idea to educate the public about noxious weeds as some folks actually plant and grow them in their landscaping.

Short discussion about attending the Cattlemen's Expo.

Comments & Concerns

Melissa stated there is quite a lot of thistle on Tabby Mountain and in the Sand Creek area. Braxton said they are doing a 'BIG' job with SITLA and Scotch Thistle.

Rodger asked about setting up another meeting with Uintah County. He felt like the last meeting was quite informative.

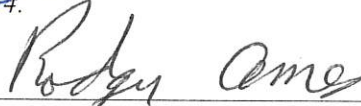
Adjourn

Melissa Hughes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 P.M.

Read and approved this 14 day of April ²⁰²⁵ ~~2024~~.



Braxton Spencer
Weed Supervisor



Rodger Ames
Chairman

Minutes of meeting prepared by Connie Sweat



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