

**APPROVED 07/14/25**

**Grand County Noxious Weed Control Board**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**May 5th, 2025 at 16:00**

**182 N 500 W, Moab UT**

**Virtually on Google Meets**

**Members Present**

Jordan Nesbitt, Tim Higgs, Brian Martinez, Ben Menard, Sena Hauer

**Members Absent**

None

**Others Present**

Elizabeth (Izzi) Weimholt, Maria Rago, Cory Farnsworth, Jake Deslauriers

**1. 16:00 Jordan Nesbitt called the meeting to order**

**2. Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 3rd, 2025**

**Motion to approve** - Tim Higgs

**Seconded motion** - Jordan Nesbitt

**Motion passes 5-0**

**3. Citizens or Agencies to be heard**

Cory Farnsworth (USU Extension) - Private citizens have reached out for assistance with Russian knapweed in their garden, and Cory directed them towards the Weeds Department. Jointed goatgrass has been found along Spanish Valley dr.

Jake Deslauriers (Utah Conservation Corps) - UCC is working on ISM grants. Jake updated the board on the effects of recent federal funding cuts to Americorps.

Jordan Nesbitt (BLM) - The BLM Fire / Fuels finished Tamarisk treatments along Potash for the season, due to migratory bird restrictions. 23 acres of fenceline were burned to reduce accumulated tumbleweeds. The Pesticide Use Proposal (PUP) is on track to be approved.

**4. Old Business**

None

**5. New Business**

**a. Updates and discussion on County Noxious Weed Board by-laws**

The board discussed changing the board by-laws to include :

- A review of the State By-laws at the first meeting of each year
- A review and approval of the annual report to UDAF, prior to submission

The board will revisit these proposed additions at the next meeting, and will bring written suggestions for review and approval. Upon approval, the Board will send the additions to the County Attorney for finalization.

**Motion to approve** - Sena Hauer

**Seconded motion** - Tim Higgs

**Motion passes 5-0**

**b. Weed Supervisor report**

Since the last Board meeting on 03.03.25 GCWD:

- Participated in the Earth Day event at the MARC, and created a game where participants would guess whether photos of different local plants were native, non-native, invasive, or noxious
- Worked with DNR and Team Rubicon to remove and treat Russian olive at two sites along Mill Creek
- Treated tamarisk and Russian knapweed in Westwater Canyon with the BLM and Holiday river guides.
- Completed certifications and re-certifications for Wilderness First Responder (Izzi Weimholt, Maria Rago, Isabelle Jones)

Interviews for the Fuels Reduction Coordinator position will begin soon.

Totals for FY25 (under ISM grant)

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Total Giant Reed square ft treated | 1570.5 |
| Total Ravenna grass removed        | 2809   |
| Total Myrtle spurge removed        | 247    |
| Vouchers distributed               | 5000   |
| Since last meeting (3/3 - 5/5)     |        |
| Russian knapweed treated (acres)   | 28.7   |

|                                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Tamarisk treated (# of trees treated) | 37 |
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**c. Grant updates**

GCWD closed the ISM grant in mid-March, and invoiced for the total awarded amount of \$55,825.

All other grants will be closing at the end of June.

**6. Committee Reports**

**7. Discussion of Future Agenda Items**

**a. Items from Staff**

**b. Weed Board Members**

The board plans to reschedule the next meeting for July 14th.

**Motion to adjourn** - Ben Menard

**Seconded motion** - Tim Higgs

**Motion passes 5-0**