

MINUTES OF WEED BOARD MEETING HELD APRIL 14, 2025 BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE WEED OFFICE 757 EAST 1800 NORTH DUCHESNE, UTAH

Present

Weed Department Supervisor Braxton Spencer; Duchesne County Weed Dept. Employee Matt Skewes; Board Members Rodger Ames, Melissa Hughes, Kim Harding, Ryan Harrison, Commissioner Tracy Killian, and Connie Sweat taking minutes of the meeting.

Absent

Jim Young

Welcome

Welcome by Rodger Ames.

Introduction Of New Employee

Braxton introduced Matt Skewes as the new employee for the Weed Department. He has been approved for three temporary summer persons. Temps need to have a Drivers License and a Pesticide License.

Consideration of Minutes From September 23, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Melissa Hughes, second by Ryan Harrison. All in favor.

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

Braxton presented a map of the areas they had worked in 2024. He is working with the Road Department in new construction areas, spraying a pre-emergent product. Brief discussion about using a sterilant product, with caution.

(Kim Harding entered the meeting at 6:10 p.m.)

Braxton stated he has plenty of chemical on hand.

Discussion about several areas that Moon Lake Electric worked last year that need to be re-visited this year to address any new growth.

Discussion of ISM Grant

Braxton stated he would like to put in for more funding this year, and expand the Russian Olive work thru the winter. The Board agreed he should try for more funds. Other species to address would be White Top, Knapweed, and Scotch Thistle. Discussion about burn scars from recent years.

Discussion and Consideration of a Noxious Weed Booth

Braxton and Matt have been setting up a booth at all the Bull sales. They feel the word is getting out with the pamphlets that folks are taking. Ryan suggested including info about what leads to a noxious weed problem and our policy.

Review of Russian Olive Removal Projects

The Department did some clean-up at the Wright Ranch in Utahn. Also along the Victory Pipeline R-O-W on Summeral Lane in Roosevelt. They work the area below Starvation Dam every year with the Dedicated Hunter Program and have burned several of the slash piles. Plan to address Ioka Lane and the Tribal ground near Chuck's Meat. Ryan suggested working with the lease holders on the Tribal as we do not currently have a contact person at the Tribe.

Discussion and Consideration of Problem Weeds / Properties

Braxton has a list of problem areas and owners. Last fall they sprayed Spotted Knapweed at Tidwell's, hopefully they got it all. Plan to go to the Walker properties tomorrow, the property owner is finally cooperating. Discussion about the Miles property and whether he should have received a billing.

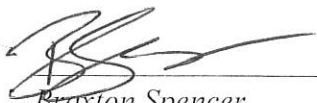
Comments & Concerns

Discussion about the large outbreak of Scotch Thistle on Tabby Mountain and whether Bandanna Ranch has an HOA.

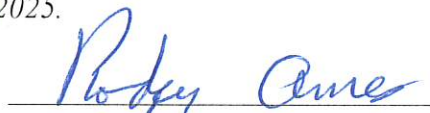
Adjourn

Ryan Harrison motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 P.M.

Read and approved this 21 day of September 2025.



Braxton Spencer
Weed Supervisor



Rodger Ames
Chairman

Minutes of meeting prepared by Connie Sweat

