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**Grand County Noxious Weed Control Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 3rd, 2025 at 16:00
Grand Center, 182 N 500 W, Moab UT**

Members Present

Tim Higgs, Brian Martinez, Sena Hauer, Ben Menard, Jordan Nesbitt (virtual)

Members Absent

None

Others Present

Elizabeth Weimholt, Maria Rago, Jeanine Saia

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

2. Approval of minutes from September 15th, 2025

Motion to approve - Sena Hauer

Seconded motion - Ben Menard

Motion passes 4-0, Brian Martinez abstaining due to 09/15/25 absence

Jordan motioned to move up the agenda item of Noxious Weed Board Applicants due to timing conflicts. Motion passes unanimously.

The Board gave a background on the duties of the Noxious Weed Board and an overview of responsibilities for Board members to the applicants (Jeanine Saia and Jordan Nesbitt, current Chair). Since there was an equal amount of upcoming vacancies and applicants, no formal interview process occurred.

Motion to recommend Jeanine Saia and Jordan Nesbitt to the Weed Board - Sena Hauer

Seconded motion - Tim Higgs

Motion passes 5-0

Jordan Nesbitt passed the meeting to Tim Higgs (Vice-Chair) before leaving the meeting.

3. Citizens or agencies to be heard

4. Old Business

- a. Updates on County Noxious Weed Board by-laws

5. New Business

a. Weed Supervisor report

- Work Completed: Westwater interagency fuels reduction trip, Labyrinth canyon trip with the FFSL fuels and river crews, removal and cut stump treatments of Russian olives and Tamarisk with CWDG, coordinated (with YGP) an out of state high school volunteer group to treat kochia at Anonymous bike park
- Still do not have a crew lead due to County-wide hiring freeze, impacting the ability to hire seasonal employees. This will impact winter projects and the ability for the department to fulfill grant and contract obligations.
- Upcoming project: City Springs project with the FireBREAK campaign.
- The 2026 budget request is slightly higher than the 2025 request. The department has proposed reducing hours of permanent staff to aid with County budget reduction. The department's Budget Advisory Board presentation is available on YouTube.
- The annual report to UDAF is coming up, and will be voted on at the next meeting.
- Sena asked about how the department takes care of equipment maintenance. Izzi replied that maintenance is usually conducted in-house or with the Roads Department.

b. Grant updates

- Not using as much of the grants as expected because the department is unable to hire seasonal workers. Spending will increase if a crew leader and seasonal workers are able to be hired.

6. Committee Reports

7. Discussion of future agenda items

a. Items from staff

- UDAF report will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting

b. Weed board members

- Annual OPMA training will be completed at the beginning of 2026

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn - Ben Menard

Seconded motion - Sena Hauer

Motion passes 4-0, Jordan Nesbitt absent