

**MINUTES OF WEED BOARD MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 29, 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, Jim Young, Commissioner Tracy Killian, and Connie Sweat taking minutes of the meeting.

Welcome

Welcome by Rodger Ames.

Consideration of Minutes From April 14, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Kim Harding, second by Jim Young. All in favor.

Review of Summer Projects

Supervisor Spencer stated there is one year left on the BLM contract. They have been actively working on a White Top infestation in Pleasant Valley. Hitting the main roads and the rights-of-way. Discussion of areas where White Top is a concern in Indian Canyon and also on Ioka Lane. Indian Canyon is very rough terrain, need to spot spray.

Hoping to get a handle on the Musk Thistle in Altonah. Next year, with the approval of the Board, Supervisor Spencer is wanting to hire someone (IFA) to spray the '90 acres of purple,' before it seeds.

Some Scotch Thistle in the Yellow Pine burn scar. Rodger Ames commented he believes NRCS has a program to help with Scotch Thistle.

The Dedicated Hunter project was up Strawberry River below Timber Canyon. They worked on Musk Thistle. It was commented that NRCS may help, as they did flood mitigation after the Dollar Ridge Fire and subsequent flooding.

Discussion about hiring a third 'temporary' summer person next year. Summer help need to be at least eighteen years old, have a drivers' license, and pass the non-commercial pesticide test.

Discussion of ISM Grant (Invasive Species Mitigation)

The Department received \$15,000 in grant money for Japanese Knotweed and the Russian Olives below Starvation Dam. Supervisor Spencer plans to apply again in the Spring. Rodger Ames suggested contacting the Soil Conservation Service for additional funding.

Discussion and Consideration of Winter Projects

(Tracy Killian entered the meeting at 6:39 p.m.)

Supervisor Spencer stated he has been contacted by the Crooks to have the Russian Olives on their 25 acres in Pleasant Valley 'eradicated.' Discussion of the process and the associated costs involved.

Brief discussion of rights-of-way and bus turnouts.

Review of Russian Olive Removal Projects

Discussion of contacting farmers / land owners to work together on the Russian Olive problem. Also discussed the area around Lake Boreham and the Tribal lease ground. The Tribal Committee has changed, the new leaders seem to be more receptive to working with the County.

Discussion and Consideration of Problem Weeds / Properties

Make sure everything that was cut last year has been treated. Burn the 'pile' on Ioka Lane when there is snow on the ground. Has been a weird year, some weeds needed to be 'triple dosed.' Even though it was very dry, weeds seem to be doing just fine.

Discussion of raising the price of having the County spray for 2026 and will discuss further next fall.

Discussion of vehicles and side by sides, purchasing, and selling surplus. Commissioner Killian suggested Supervisor Spencer get three bids.

Comments & Concerns

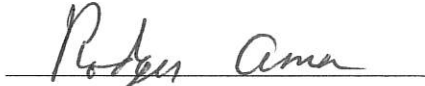
Adjourn

Jim Young motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 P.M.

Read and approved this 30 day of March 2026.



Braxton Spencer
Weed Supervisor



Rodger Ames
Chairman

Minutes of meeting prepared by Connie Sweat

