

Grand County Noxious Weed Control Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 12th, 2022
Moab Grand Center 182 N 500 W
Virtually on Google Meets

Members Present

Sarah Stock, Tim Higgs, Lydia Zowada, Christopher Marlor, Sena Hauer

Others Present

Elizabeth Izzi Weimholt, Randall Lewis, Aaron Eager (UDAF)

16:09 Sarah Stock called the meeting to order.

Approve minutes from May 2nd, 2022

Tim Higgs clarified the minutes from 07/11/22 - instead of forming a CWMA with Moab City, we will invite the City to join the existing Colorado River CWMA.

Motion to approve, with suggested changes - Tim Higgs

Seconded Motion - Lydia Zowada

Motion passes unanimously

Citizens to be heard

Aaron Eager (UDAF State Noxious Weed Program Manager) introduced himself. He then updated the Board on a recent event where a child in northern Utah was hospitalized after exposure to Myrtle Spurge (Class 4), and how this event may lead to a higher classification of Myrtle Spurge. Aaron then outlined the reclassification process to the Board, and what reclassification will mean for County weeds departments.

Old Business

Puncturevine control updates

Randall Lewis provided a Puncturevine update. The facebook page "Moab Goatheads Gone" has now reached 90 members. There is a noticeable difference in areas along the creek where eradication efforts had been held in 2021, and Randall believes that community efforts have been effective. Izzi and Randall spoke about future volunteer events, starting with a Goathead pulling event at the Brands mountain biking parking lot. Izzi then updated the Board on the Goathead Gala - the next events will be held on Sept. 17th and 24th. Sarah suggested partnering with the Youth Garden Project Harvest Festival to announce the winners of the competition. Tim asked whether the wider community knows that Goatheads and Puncturevine are the same plant, to mixed replies.

Roadsides, Bee keeping updates

Sarah Stock updated the Board on her work surrounding the roadsides / beekeeping issues. After speaking with several different people at the County, Sarah suggested an email list to alert beekeepers on roadside herbicide applications. Alishia Oliver, Commission Coordinator, has offered to assist with this project.

Partnership coordination

Goatheads volunteer days with Moab Trail Mix, BLM, and private biking companies.

New Business**Weed Supervisors report**

Izzi presented her annual Department Report. The original presentation can be found on the Grand County Utah YouTube page, under 'Grand County Commission Regular Meeting 9-6-2022'. Izzi also discussed the current status for the FY22 and FY23 grants. No grants for 2023 have been charged at this time. Aaron offered the opportunity to increase the UDAF ISM funding, as the original application was reduced. Tim requested for Izzi to share her proposed 2023 department budget with the Board once it is completed.

Motion to Adjourn – Lydia Zowada

Seconded Motion – Sena Hauer