

Grand County Noxious Weed Control Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 1st, 2023
Grand Center, 182 N 500 W, Moab UT
Virtually on Google Meets

Members Present

Lydia Zowada (Chair), Tim Higgs (Vice Chair), Christopher Marlor

Members Absent

Kevin Walker, Sena Hauer

Others Present

Elizabeth (Izzi) Weimholt, Cory Farnsworth

1. 16:20 Lydia Zowada called the meeting to order

2. Approve minutes from March 6th, 2023

The Board discussed postponing the approval of minutes until the next Board meeting, and Lydia Zowada entertained a motion to postpone.

a. Postpone the approval of minutes from March 6th, 2023 until the next Board meeting on July 10th, 2023

Motion to postpone - Tim Higgs

Seconded motion - Christopher Marlor

Motion passes unanimously

3. Citizens or Agencies to be heard

Cory Fansworth - Cory introduced himself to the Board. Cory is the Agriculture and Natural Resource extension agent for USU, and he offered his support for anything the Weeds Department may need help with.

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

a. Weed Supervisor Report

Izzi presented on the work completed by the Department since the last Board meeting on May 1st. The Department:

- Completed Russian Olive treatments along Labyrinth Canyon, alongside DNR Sovereign lands. Treatments occurred on both sides of the river corridor.
- Wrapped up the Giant reed and Ravennagrass project through the UDAF ISM grant. Izzi was excited about having finally removed a particularly difficult Giant reed patch next to the Moonflower Co-op - a patch that had been growing between two fences for multiple years.

- Published the annual Public Notice in the Moab Sun and the Times Independent. Both papers also featured an interview with Izzi about the purpose and goals of the Weeds Department.
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- Has begun Russian Knapweed treatments where plants are in the appropriate growth stage.
- Has begun planning for roadside treatments, but is working through technical issues with the boom on the main spray truck.

Hiring updates: hiring for one more seasonal technician, currently two full time seasonal technicians.

Upcoming work:

- Colorado River and Dolores river work, mostly Russian Knapweed treatments
- Team Rubicon cut-stump treatments
- Utah Conservation Corps work in the Book Cliffs
- Tumbleweed removal volunteer day through the “Moab Facelift” event
- Education and outreach surrounding Myrtle Spurge

b. Grant Updates

- The FY24 UDAF ISM grant proposal was approved for \$82,350. The grant cycle begins on July 1st, 2023, and closes on June 30th, 2024.

6. Committee Reports

7. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

The Board discussed the likelihood of Goatheads being a topic of conversation by the next meeting, and that by the next meeting most of the grants and agreements will have closed out.

8. Lydia entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn – Christopher Marlor

Seconded Motion – Tim Higgs

Motion passes unanimously