

# UTAH COUNTY WEED CONTROL BOARD MEETING

## Minutes

November 18, 2024

### In Person Meeting

Utah County Commission Conference Room

51 S. University Ave, Provo, Utah 84601

Board Members: Skyler Beltran, (Utah County Commissioner)  
Dean Miner, Vice Chairman, (Extension Office)  
Rex Larsen, (Farm Bureau)  
Sid Smart, (Farmer)  
Kim Evans, (Farmer)

1. Meeting called to order- Skyler Beltran 1 p.m.
2. Introduction- Roll Call
  - Skyler Beltran- Utah County Commissioner
  - Jake Johnson- Utah County Weed Supervisor
  - Sam Coombs- Utah County Road and Weed Division Manager
  - Carolina Herrin- Utah County Commissioner Advisor
  - Mark Hillier- Utah Department of Agriculture
  - Michael Sorsen- Utah Department of Agriculture
  - Kim Evans- Board Member, Farmer
  - Rex Larsen- Board Member, Farmer
  - Dean Miner- Board Member, Vice Chairman
  - Tim Taylor- Utah County Attorney Office
3. Approval of Minutes January 22, 2024, meeting
  - Motion to Adopt: Dean Miner*
  - Second: Rex Larsen*
  - Passed Unanimously*
4. Discussion on upcoming expiring U.C.W.C. Board Memberships- Jake Johnson
  - Attachment A
  - Skyler Beltran is the new commissioner on Utah County Weed Control Board who replaced Tom Sakievich. Commissioner Beltran will keep board appointments come 1/01/2025.
  - Rex Larsen and Sid Smart appointments are expiring 01/01/2025
    - i. Those appointments will expire before the next Utah County Weed Control board meeting
  - Appointments to Utah County Weed Control Board are appointed by the Utah County Board of Commissioners
  - Commissioner Beltran asked Rex if he would like to stay on the board. Rex responded he would.
  - Commissioner Beltran said he would reach out to Sid Smart (not present at meeting) to see if he would like to stay on board.
5. Utah County Weed Control Program Report/Discussion - Jake Johnson

- Attachment B
- Attachment B is a PowerPoint presentation on Utah County Weed Control accomplishments.
- Questions: If Weed Supervisor had ever seen from another agency cost analyst of the benefits of weed control.
  - i. Response: That he hadn't, there were certainly benefits, but hadn't seen a cost analyst of benefits but would inquire about one.
- A report to the Utah Department of Agriculture about the Utah County Weed Control Program by January 15<sup>th</sup> annually. Information presented on work accomplishments will be used to generate the report. There were two questions asked to board members for the report:
  - i. Question asked to board members; Are there any suggestions from the board for specific weed control measures they would like to see in the coming year?
    1. Rex Larsen responded he would like to see if something could be done for weed control for the railway that runs along I-15 from Spanish Fork to Payson.
    2. Jake Johnson responded he had contacted U.T.A., and they had done some work by Payson but hadn't seen any work North of Payson accomplished and he would try reaching out to them.
  - ii. Question asked to board; Any situations or circumstances that you think U.D.A.F. should be aware of concerning noxious weeds in Utah County? Any areas where you would like assistance from the department in solving problems in the Utah County Weed Program.
  - iii. Jake indicated two areas where assistance had been asked for in past reports.
    1. Species Specific documents to cover treatment for each Utah State Declared Noxious Weed Species.
    2. An appropriation of funds specifically for county ran weed control programs mandated by the State of Utah.
  - iv. Jake Johnson updated the board that he had been informed by Aaron Eagar with U.D.A.F. (who wasn't able to attend the meeting) that their agency had been working to address both these indicated areas, but they haven't been accomplished yet.
  - v. No new suggestions from board members.
  - vi. Jake Johnson suggested indicating the same points for the 2024 report.

6. Other Business

- None

7. Scheduling of Future Utah County Weed Control Board Meetings

- Next meeting scheduled for 1/27/2024 at 1:00 p.m... In Person meeting at the Utah County Commission Conference Room

8. Adjourn

- *Motion to Adjourn: Kim Evans*
- *Seconded by: Dean Miner*
- *Passed Unanimously*

*Approximately 1:44 p.m.*