

# Hardware Park Mountain Estates Minutes

These are minutes of the General Meeting of Landowners of HPME held Wednesday, March 20, 2024. The meeting was held at the Syracuse Community Center at:

1912 S 1899 W  
Syracuse, Utah.

The General Meeting was called to order by Farrel Lewis, President at 6:30 PM stating that a quorum was present, and the body could officially transact business.

Present at the meeting were the following:

Farrel Lewis [President]	Nate Ariotti, [Board]	Russ Ridges [Board]
Mike Schmidt, [Board]	Ron James [Board]	Rick Patterson [Board]
Dennis Kendrick [Board]	Roger McFarland, [Board]	Gary Nuffer [Treasurer]
		Mike Gailey [Secretary]

The following landowners were present or had a representative at the meeting:

Michael Abraham	Marian Allen	Fred O. Bensnon
Natalie Betten	Ron Bushman	Aaron Buttars
Nicholas Casazza	Shad Christensen	Shaun Dixon
Barbara Ekstrom	TJ Erekson	Issac Erickson
Randy Flint	Darrel Fowers	Fowler Family LLC
Daryl Green	S. Lyn Grimaud	Kris Harrop
Kevin Higley	Clyde Hinderliter	Roger Howell
HPME Gailey LC	Jesse R. Johnson	Hal Jones
Pat Laramee	Rueben Lavato	Blaine Oakeson
John Oakeson [deceased]	Jay Ombach	Bryan Patterson
Teresa Collee Perkins Clarke	Bruce Peterson	Scott Reams/J. Reams
RTBFBX# RL Trust	Martin Seifert	Matthew Smith
Annette Brunson [Loveless Trust]	Walter Torrico	Kelly Vernon
Stevan Wilson		

1. **Welcome of New Members**—Farrel asked anyone who had not been to a HPME meeting before to stand and introduce themselves. He then explained the agenda for the evening. Instead of Gary Nuffer being in the hall he positioned himself at the back of the room. Throughout the meeting members were dismissed row-by-row to visit with Gary.
2. **Stay Connected**—Farrel turned the meeting over to Mike Gailey to conduct the business of the Communications Committee. Mike explained that last May, Mailchimp has lost the list of our members. All who have not registered with the website are asked to do so that they may stay informed of the business of the association. Any new posting to the website will trigger an email to be sent to those registered. Mike reviewed the process.



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3. Election of New Officers—Mike continued with the election of new officers. Each year half of the members of the Board of Trustee terms expire. There are four positions open this year. The website has noticed the members of this action, and anyone interested in running may place his or her name in nomination. The following had placed their names in the pool:

Nate Ariotti  
Ron James  
Dennis Kendrick  
Roger McFarland

It was also explained that the Bylaws allow nominations to come from the floor the night of the election. Ron Bushman's name was placed in nomination as a write-in candidate. Ballots were prepared and a vote was taken. The results were shared by Farrel at the end of the night.

4. **Water and Health**—Nate Ariotti introduced Jake Forsgren to the group. Jake is the director of the Noxious weed program in Cache County. He explained the grant that the County had received and offered landowners the opportunity to participate in spraying on their land at the price of \$1.00/gallon. Most would pay about \$50.00 for the application they would perform. He showed slide of the noxious weeds the County is trying to control.

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UWSA GRANT PROJECT

Section 4-17-6  
Utah Noxious Weed Act &  
Cache County Code Section 8:28

Every person who owns or controls land in the State of Utah, where noxious weeds are standing, being, or growing on such land shall be controlled

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**Landowner Notification Letters**





Fill out this form online at the following weblink  
<https://arcg.is/15flfK>  
 or use the QR Code below  
Parcel Number Required



**Musk Thistle**

- Biennial
- Grows 1 to 6 feet tall
- Blooms June and July
- Grows in waste areas, pastures, fence lines, and right of ways
- Nodding Flower heads







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## Dyers Woad

- Winter Annual or Biennial
- Grows 1-4 feet tall
- Blooms in late spring
- Grows in waste areas, disturbed sites, pastures, fence lines, and right of ways
- Forms monocultures that reduce crop and rangeland production as well as biodiversity of infested areas



## Canada Thistle

- Perennial
- Grows 1-4 feet tall
- Blooms in July-August
- Grows in a diverse range of habitats
- Reproduces by seeds and rootstock



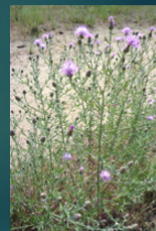
## Houndstongue

- Biennial
- Grows 1-4 feet tall
- Blooms in early summer
- Grows in waste areas, pastures, disturbed soils, and right of ways
- Poisonous to livestock and pets



## Spotted Knapweed

- Perennial
- Grows 1-3 feet tall
- Blooms early summer
- Grows in waste areas, pastures, fence lines, and right of ways
- Releases chemical substances in the soil that inhibit the growth of competing vegetation



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## Contact Information

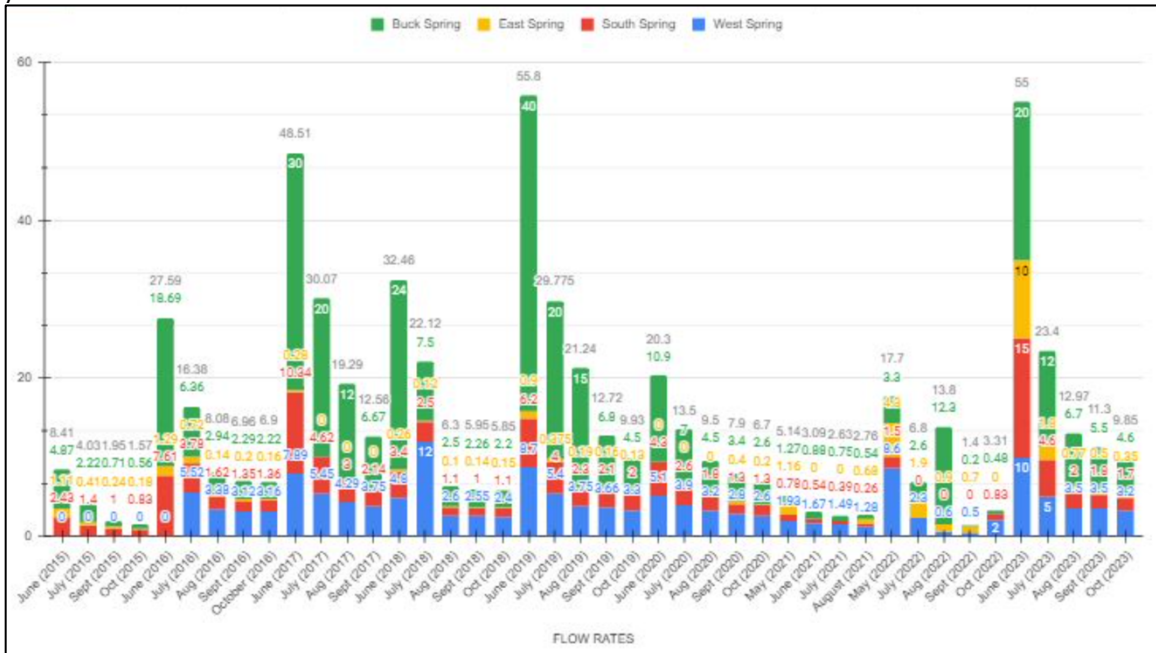


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Jake left his contact information with the members. During the meeting landowners were allowed to meet with Jake and another member of the staff and learn more about the program.

Nate thank Jake for his attendance and then reported on the water year last year by comparing to other years.



He then introduced Wes Wilson who will become the watermaster in September when his father, Stevan leave on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint.

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5. **First Door Prize**—Ron James conducted the first of two sets of door prizes. The door prizes this year larger items. He has five items to gift to members by a drawing. Three of the five were given away at this time.
6. **Security and Fire**—Dennis reviewed the maximum speed at the property. That is 15 mph. Signs will be posted at the gates this year. Farrel asked the members to help maintain the gates and asked landowners not to allow kids to swing on the gates. Last year's problems were the result of all the water we received. Again it was mentioned that gates should never be left open.
7. **Emergency Preparedness**—Mike Schmidt began his discussion with the protocol for allowing first responders into the property. Once you have called 911 go to the gates you will be using and station one person at each gate. Open the gate and serve as a guard at the gate allowing the emergency equipment to drive in. Act as a screener of those trying to gain access while the gates are open. Mike mentioned that he has replaced the helipad sign that was stolen. The culprit had to be associated with a property. Imagine you have an issue, and you go to the site and there is no sign giving coordinates. He also mentioned that he had cards that evening with the helipad coordinates on them. He also reported on the key box that was shot a member of the Association. The old box has been removed and a new one will be installed. Mike had to cut the old box off. He asked if anyone had a welder that could help him install the new box. That box contains a key that will allow first responders into the property.
8. **Development**—Roger McFarland introduced those on this committee who were present that night. The chair of that committee is Neal Christensen. He reviewed with the members what they needed to do to construct a building, change or add a roadway. Permits for an outhouse need to be obtained from Bear River Health Department.
9. **Roads and Maintenance**—Russ Ridges explained the new work credit program involving roads. The first Saturday in June, July, August, and September have been designated as work credit road project event. On each of these Saturdays, a representative of the Roads Committee will meet and direct those who are interested in working that day. The group will gather at the Lockhart's property where the Summer Picnic is held. They will meet at 8:00 AM. Those coming should make sure his or her name is recorded by the committee. Russ talked about the expected run off this year. Hopefully this year won't require the kind of expense that was felt last year. He said that the committee will focus on the North Gate area and the South Spring area.
10. **Hunting**—Rick mentioned that the deer herd had suffered as much as a 70% loss last year. He reviewed a new policy being enacted by the DNR. All those who draw for big game will have to report back within 30 days of the hunt about what was killed. Anyone not doing so will lose the right to hunt the next year. He asked the membership for help within his committee for staffing the hunts.
11. **Second Door Prize & Summer Picnic**—Ron explained that the Summer Picnic will be held on August 3, 2024. Watch the website for details. He then administered the final drawing for the evening.
12. **Final Remarks**—Farrel announced the result of the election. The following were elect to serve a two-year term:

Nate Ariotti  
Dennis Kendrick  
Ron James  
Roger McFarland

Farrel then discussed the need for a chair for the Communications Committee. This individual would help with the website and provide an entry each month explaining in simple terms the bylaws. That tab on the website is called: "By-the-Way; The Bylaws Say". Farrel asked for a volunteer to come forward.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Kim Torico has offered her service to the Association. Thank you, Kim.

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Farrel then asked the membership if there were any issues or questions that they would like presented to the leadership. There were no questions regarding policy, only questions of procedure. The group was invited to linger if they chose and asked to help restore the room as prescribed by the city. Farrel thanked the group for coming and hoped they would come to the picnic.

Adjourned: 8:10 PM