

Upper Arkansas Cooperative Weed Management Area
January 13, 2022
Fremont County Weed Bldg. 1901 East Main St. Canon City

Quarterly meeting minutes

Brittany Pierce – Fremont County Weed Management; **Marisa Neuzil** – Teller-Park CD; **Debbie Mitchell** – Fremont CD; **Charles Bryant** – Huerfano County; **John Coyle**-Ark Valley Weed Management, LLC, **Kayla Malone**-Chaffe/Lake County Weed Management; **Patty Knupp**- NRCS, **Mia Cory**-FCD, **Angela Safranek**-USFS, **Kara Harders**-CSU/NRCS, **Tina Travis**-EPC

Welcome & Introductions: See attendance

Brittany: Call to order at 9:38 A.M.

Approval of Minutes: Debbie made a motion to approve the minutes and financials with name corrections, Kara seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Upcoming annual meeting- Debbie reported that we had 13 registrants as of 1-13-22, as well as two sponsors.
- We have 100 calendars, 100 weed books, 75 Thistle books and 75 Knapweed books.
- Debbie has updated the evaluation for this year.
- February 3rd is the last day to finalize the food count, we can add more but cannot take any away after that date.
- We need to reach out to sponsors and make sure that the people send us a copy of their presentations prior to the meeting. We will also reiterate that the presentations will be posted on our website.
- We will not have Door Prizes.
- The group is leaning toward keeping our annual meeting in Oct/Nov timeframe. That will mean that we have two in 2022.

New Business:

- We talked about members whom we have not seen in a while and will make a point to reach out. We are all going to be responsible for making sure that grant recipients are keeping track of outreach and education.
- Douglas County Weed has expressed an interest in attending a UACWMA meeting. They will attend the annual meeting.

Round Table:

Brittany: Fremont County is working on their cooperative agreements. Brittany is currently trying to prevent an outbreak of Japanese Knotweed. A proposed roadway construction project will potentially spread roots all over the county. Brittany has reached out to her county, the CDA, and the public works. She is waiting to get more guidance from the state weed office.

Marisa: Marisa has been busy with grant work, CWMA board activities and TPCD statutory requirements that are due soon. John has agreed to continue contracting with the Teller-Park Conservation District for 2022. She will be hosting weed walks and talks this upcoming year.

Debbie: Debbie is busy working on the UCWMA annual meeting as well as getting ready for the Home and Garden Show.

Charles: Charles has had an opportunity to get some pre-emergent herbicides out. He has funding from CWCB. He will have his previous seasonal employee coming back. Charles has been working with a local 4-H club with Diorhabda beetle release. He is also continuing with the Russian Knapweed gall wasps. Charles is the newly elected mayor of Walsenburg, CO!

Kara: CSU is in the process of updating county weed guides with images, etc. She briefly discussed the I Naturalist Program. There will be a CSU Extension Water Symposium on March 26th. CSU is updating the State Fact Sheets. They are removing the herbicide recommendations.

Patty Knupp: NRCS has people detailed all over the country as well as in-state. EQIP projects will be assessed and ranked by May of 2022.

John Coyle: John will attend the WSWWS annual meeting in Newport Beach, CA March 7-10th. We are encouraged to attend as well. He also shared that there was a temporary time where pesticide manufacturers were allowed to substitute inert ingredients so maybe do a jar test.

Mia Cory: Nothing new to report.

Kayla: CDOT, USFS, CPW, and BLM are all renewing contracts. They have a CDPHE grant as well. She is expecting and this season she may have to call in previous weed managers to help out. She is advertising for seasonal employees, as well as a temporary fill in for her position. Kayla informed the group about some legislative issues to keep an eye on this session. NAISMA is also tracking a potential change to FIFRA.

Tina: She informed us that the CDA is no longer giving out Rust Fungus. This biocontrol is now going to be formally analyzed because it has never gone through a review process. Weed managers have yet to hear from CDA regarding this topic. Bryan is no longer with EPC but will be attending the annual meeting. His position has not been filled. EPC will sponsor a weed walk at Bear Creek Park in June or July.

Meeting times for 2022:

January 13, 2022

April 7, 2022

July 14, 2022

October 13, 2022

Next Meeting: April 7, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 PM