

## Upper Arkansas Cooperative Weed Management Area

July 14, 2022

Pathfinder Regional Park, 6655 State Highway 115, Florence, CO 81226

### Quarterly meeting minutes

**Brittany Pierce** – Fremont County Weed Management; **Marisa Neuzil** – Teller-Park CD; **Debbie Mitchell** – Fremont CD; **Patty Knupp**- NRCS, **Angela Safranek**-USFS, **Tina Travis**-EPC, **Nick Race**- USFS, **Steve Stultz**- FCD,

**Welcome & Introductions:** See attendance

**Brittany:** Call to order at 9:40 A.M.

**Approval of Minutes and Financials by acclimation:** Debbie made a motion to approve the minutes Marisa seconded. Motion carried.

Two new members were introduced to the group, Nick Race, the new invasive species intern for the Pike National Forest and Steve Stultz, new Fremont County DCT.

### Old Business:

- Brittany brought in cost estimates for UACWMA pull-up screen and tablecloth for booth events. The committee agreed that the tablecloth should be conservation green with the logo on front along with the website. Nick suggested that we put a QR code on the pull-up screen that will direct people to the website. The UACWMA will use a picture of a healthy landscape with the river. We agreed on the 33.5" x 78" size of screen. We will order 250 chaps sticks for conference giveaways. These will have sunscreen in them. The group will order t-shirts. Individuals will contact the vendor with their color and size. These will be solid colors with no pocket and logo on front, left chest.
- Debbie will order two cases of weed books in August after they go on sale from CWMA.
- Marisa made a motion to spend \$1,500 on public outreach materials, Debbie seconded. Motion carried.
- Patty and Tina had some additions for the email list.
- Those involved with the NWF grant are required to have the quarterly report to Debbie by July 21<sup>st</sup>.

### New Business:

- The committee toured the Pathfinder Park facility and made the decision to hold the February conference in that venue. February 8, 2023 is the first choice, followed by the 9<sup>th</sup> and then the next Wednesday. Brittany will request those days and get back to the group. She will also ask about a catering list.
- The committee will plan in October, in the meantime; we should all be thinking about a
- theme and bring it back to the group as well as potential sponsors. Marisa will reach out to Helena, Buffalo Brand, Van Diest, and DOW.

### Round Table:

**Brittany:** Fremont County has been working on CDOT contract. The Elongated mustard project was completed the second week of July. 50 acres were treated close to State land. Brittany alerted the group that the signage

rule has changed as of 2022. She has researched where and how to buy the updated signage. It has proven difficult. Most of the managers were not aware of this change so we will reach out to CDA to ascertain how to get our hands on the signs. These signs need to be placed on any public space that has been treated.

**USFS:** Nick Race, new weed manager of the Pike National Forest, introduced himself and gave us a brief report on his background. He comes to us with a master's in Invasive Plant Ecology and looks forward to working with this group.

**TPCD:** The season is up and running. This year, Ark Valley Weed put down pre-emergent on Park and Teller roadsides. Private spraying has begun to pick up. Marisa has been conducting weed presentations to local groups and HOAs. She is preparing for a Weeds after Wildfire talk on July 23<sup>rd</sup> near Guffey. Marisa is planning a field trip to the Palisade Insectary in her role as CWMA board member. The tour will be free with appetizers and drinks to follow. This will be August 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM and will be in conjunction with the Palisade Peach Festival. Info will be sent to the group with details. RSVP required. TPCD board is currently updating the long-range weed plans for both Teller and Park Counties.

**Fremont Conservation District:** Debbie has announced that she will retire by June of 2023. She has checked on the Rainbow Park project and will file her last report on the Florence River Park soon. She introduced us to Steve Stultz.

**Patty Knupp:** Patty shared that a few more JCF of forestry projects had been funded.

**Kayla:** Kayla is currently on maternity leave but made a brief appearance with baby girl! Congratulations.

**Tina:** El Paso County sponsored a biocontrol weed walk in Bear Creek Park on July 12 in conjunction with the Palisade Insectary and help from Nick Race. She announced that she will be moving in mid-August. Her position will be posted shortly.

Meeting times for 2022:

January 13, 2022

April 7, 2022

July 14, 2022

October 13, 2022

Next Meeting: October 13, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 PM Cake for Tina to follow.

Action Items:

Brittany: Will reach out to Merchandise vendor and place an order for tablecloth and screen. She will send out an email to the group and will collect our size, style, and color preferences for T-shirts. I am unclear how the payment will be made for these; UACWMA will pay? Members will pay? She will place order for chapstick. Brittany will arrange with the venue for date and discuss set-up and catering.

Debbie: She will place an order for two cases of Weed I.D. Books when they go on sale in August.

Marisa will reach out to vendors regarding conference sponsorship.

