

**Upper Arkansas Cooperative Weed Management Area  
October 21, 2021  
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**-FPAC-NRCS, **Rick Romano**- NRCS retired

**Welcome & Introductions:** See attendance

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Debbie made a motion to approve the minutes, John seconded. Motion carried.

There was no quorum for the July quarterly meeting so no minutes.

**Financial Report:** Debbie went over the financial business regarding the 2020 NWF. We agreed that we will pay Mary Menz for website services out of the general budget. Kayla made a motion, Brittany seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- Marisa made a motion to pay the NAISMA dues, Brittany seconded, motion carried.
- We asked Debbie to book the Abbey for February 22nd if available.
- The grant group will meet in Canon City on November 10th.

**New Business:**

- Rick Romano attended the meeting as a representative of Palmer Land Conservancy. He wanted to get Charles to give a talk at an HOA for him.

The entities interested in the 2022 NWF grant will discuss on November 10th.

**Round Table:**

**Brittany:** 2021 season is over. There was a lot of BLM work but no aerial spraying of Elongated Mustard this year. Fremont worked on some Park County CDOT and BLM in Teller.

**Marisa:** Marisa continues to work on CWMA Winter Training planning. This weed season had a late start due to wet and cold springtime. We were just shy of last year's spraying totals but did notice that this year was bumper crop of Loco Weed calls. TPCD will defer all calls to CSU Extension regarding poisonous, native plants. TPCD conducted one pop-up weed walk and that was very well-attended. We look forward to hosting last minute walks around the community in the future. We are on track to get back to in-person indoor presentations, but the office is still closed due to Covid.

**Chaffee:** Kayla finished their season on October 15th after having started around April 15th. She could not fill one seasonal position and will be looking to fill two positions next year. She treated or monitored 7,500 acres. Chaffee continues to have strong partnerships and will be doing more work in the Decker Fire area. Kayla is in the process of making a strategic plan for Chaffee-Lake Weed program. She is off of the board at NAISMA and will be completing her role as CWMA president this year so will be able to focus on UACWMA.

**Debbie:** Debbie and Mia checked on the Russian Olive project and it is looking good. There are three years left of monitoring for that particular grant.

**Charles:** Huerfano County had a hectic year. There was a lot of enforcement. Charles assures us that he is giving up the water position. He once again used biocontrol on Russian Knapweed and Leafy Spurge. He utilized the CWMA realtor on-line class with local realtors.

**Kara:** CSU Extension work has slowed down a bit, but walk-ins are on the increase. She will be sending out a small acreage newsletter at the end of the month.

**Patty Knupp:** NRCS planning deadline is Dec. 3, 2021. She continues to work on Planning First initiative. She informed us that 30% of Colorado NRCS are new hires so it may take a while to get them up to speed.

**John Coyle:** John just returned from a board meeting of Western Weed Science and encouraged us all to attend the annual Spring meeting in California. He thinks that county managers and applicators would bring a new perspective to the group.

**Mia Cory:** Mia worked with Debbie and some Blue Heron treatments. She said that the no till drill was used to plant over 200 acres with minimal breakdowns.

Meeting times for 2022:

Next Meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 PM