

Upper Arkansas River Cooperative Weed Management Area

April 11, 2019
Garden Park Building Conference Room
201 N. 6th Street, Canon City
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Quarterly meeting minutes

Kayla Malone-Chaffee/Lake Counties, Marisa Neuzil- Teller-Park CD, Debbie Mitchell-Fremont, Charles Bryant-Huerfano County, Tina Travis-El Paso County, John Coyle- Ark Valley Weeds/CWMA, Roger Squire-Custer County Road and Bridge, Kara Harders-CSU small acreage/NRCS, Shelly Simmons-Coordinator Purgatoire Watershed Weed Management Collaborative, Carl Beeman-Huerfano CSU, Nick Bankston- Fremont County Weed Management, Aaron Richter- BLM, Angela Safranek- USFS

Welcome & Introductions: See attendance

Kayla: Call to order 9:30 AM

Approval of Minutes: Debbie Mitchell made a motion to approve the January 10, 2019 meeting minutes, Charles Bryant seconded. Motion passed unanimously with the amendment of John Coyle Fremont County spray schedule.

2019 Grant Cycle: The 2019 NWF grant SOW was being finalized with Patty York and Kayla will keep us apprised when all is finalized. Debbie pointed out that Fremont County Conservation District did not get the \$2,000 it had requested in cost-share. Kayla acknowledged that this was an oversight and that Fremont County Weed and Chaffee County Weed departments would move some funds around if possible before the final documents had been signed. We discussed the State's mapping requirements regarding EDDsMaps and Aaron and Charles shared that they used ONYX and COGCC GIS to help with their efforts. A portion of the group will be staying after the meeting to discuss creating a standardized Strider form for Map-it Fast.

Financials: High Country Bank was selected because it has branches in both Canon City and Salida. This is an involved process and Debbie and Kayla will work on getting the account set up so that it will be classified as a non-profit. Nick and Marisa will sign the January minutes that give them the directive to open a new account.

Healthy Lands Workshop: Everyone who is participating will need to make sure that they bring their own tables as these will not be provided. We did discuss food and beverage options and decided to not provide for the public. We will bring items for the vendors to share. The southern entities have been advertising in their areas. The presentation area can seat 84 people. The speakers have been verified and all stations will be manned. Kayla was able to hand out flyers at the Western Landscapes Conference in Pueblo.

CDOT road and bridge training will take place April 29, 2019 in La Junta.

Annual Conference Discussion: The group elected to keep the conference at the Abbey in Canon City and the targeted dates are November 13 or 14. Debbie will call and get us on the schedule. We will continue with the buffet but pick a new theme. We want to make the focus of the conference beneficial to the majority of attendees. **The Road Ahead-** Right of Way was the theme settled upon. We will explore this at the third quarter meeting in July and get the speakers lined up with certification in a timely manner.

The CWMA Annual Conference will take place the first week of December in Colorado Springs at the Cheyenne Mountain Conference Center.

Round Table:

Shelly: Shelly shared that the Noxious Weed Board would meet at Trinidad Jr. College on the 24th and 25th of April. There will be a lecture day and a field day. She also discussed the Trinidad Water Festival.

Debbie: Fremont Conservation District discussed their no-till drill.

Carl: Carl asked if Pueblo organizations might want to be more involved in the UACWMA.

Charles: Charles informed the group that they received \$14,300 in disaster funding from the state. They continue to do river work on Russian Olive and Russian Knapweed. They are implementing bio control. Seasonal weed spraying is going to start soon.

Nick: This was Nick's last day as he has taken a job for the City of Boulder. We will miss him!

John: John has a busy season coming up with contracts from many entities including TPCD, USFS, and BLM. He will continue to work on riparian repair on the Arkansas.

Angela: Angela shared that the USFS has hired a weed manager for the Pike. He is currently learning the ropes. There has been a shift in USFS goals toward timber values.

Marisa: Marisa shared that the conservation district has been busy with educational activities. Jr. Conservator lessons, Pikes Peak Environmental Film Festival, Earth Promise Day. Their Local Work Group meeting will take place June 4, 2019 at the Lake George Charter School and will focus on conservation easements. TPCD will once again work with John Coyle for their seasonal weed spraying.

Kayla: Chaffee is currently getting equipment ready and seasonal employee is already on staff.

Kara: Kara asked about some specifics of the Rust Fungus. Kayla will put a video on to a shared google drive so that we will all have access to the information. Kara has put together a pamphlet with top noxious weeds of Teller County. Marisa will look over to see if needs any additions or exemptions.

Tina: Tina will become CWMA president soon. The spring CWMA training will take place mid-April in Ft. Collins. El Paso has put up a boot brush station.

Roger: Roger will show some back-country areas with Charles regarding noxious weeds that are already established.

Next Quarterly Meeting: **July 11, 2019**

Garden Park Building 201 N 6th, Canon City 9:30 a.m. to noon

Adjourn – 12:09 PM

