

Upper Arkansas Cooperative Weed Management Area
April 15, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Quarterly meeting minutes

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

Welcome & Introductions: See attendance

Brittany: Call to order at 9:33 A.M.

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

Financial Report: The financial report was presented with a balance of \$11,519.23. There have been \$2741.15 in expenses over the last quarter. Shelly made a motion to approve the financial report; Charles seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Dates for the annual meeting were discussed. Debbie will reserve a room with November 10th being the first choice. The meeting will be a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. We will pick topics and get speakers scheduled at the quarterly meeting in July. We will review the surveys from the last meeting held in 2019. Debbie will send those out ahead of the meeting.
- Covid-19 restrictions are being lifted so we will need to concentrate on how we see outreach and education to look this year. All of us have some form of O & E planned so there will be no problem fulfilling the grant obligations.
- Brittany has been working on fact sheets for nuisance weeds that are a problem in our areas and are not classified as a listed noxious species. Kara also has weed postcards available.

New Business:

- Nick Bankston is considering starting a weed cooperative in the Boulder area and has reached out to this group for guidance. He will touch base after the spray season. In the meantime, he can read the history of UACWMA on our website.

Round Table:

Brittany: Fremont County has posted for a seasonal employee position as well as for position for an extended leave for her. They have many partner contracts and have already met with the BLM.

Shelly: Purgatoire CD has purchased a weed spraying truck so that Donna will be able to use their own equipment. Donna has her QS in 103, 107, and 109 and is currently working on aquatics. They are up and

running in Las Animas County. They are working on Tamarisk removal as well as Willow planting and re-seeding. They could use a seasonal employee.

Marisa: Marisa has joined the board of CWMA. The district has both Teller and Park roadside contracts for 2021 as well as continued partnership with the town of Fairplay. Her office is still locked, and business has been remote.

Chaffee: absent

Debbie: Fremont Conservation District has been very busy renting out the no-till drill and plans on doing a Russian Olive project in May. She will also check in on their Rust Fungus project.

Charles: Charles has been working on bare ground treatment before the snow hits again. His seasonal employee will start on the next Tuesday. He is predicting that Hoary Cress will be prolific this year. He has an IGA with Custer County as well as BLM. He is working on Tamarisk in the burn scar and giving presentations to some POAs. He has been making some newspaper submissions.

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 is working on pre-approval for first round of EQIP. She also has more Rust Fungus if any of us need any.

John Coyle: Ark Valley Weeds, John has built a new storage facility and he is good to go for the summer. He wrote an editorial in the Canon City Daily Record.

Angela: Angela shared that USFS will be sending out contracts soon. IDIQ? She is also trying to get dialed in to Envision Chaffee County trying to incorporate recreational in the overall plan by mitigating the impact of recreation on the environment; specifically, getting noxious weeds on the radar

Meeting times for 2021:

Next Meeting: July 8, 2020 9:30 AM TBA for Zoom or in person

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM