

## Upper Arkansas River Cooperative Weed Management Area

January 09, 2020  
Garden Park Building Conference  
Room 201 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Canon City  
9:30 a.m. to 12:02 p.m.

### Quarterly meeting minutes

**Kayla Malone**-Chaffee/Lake Counties, **Marisa Neuzil**- Teller-Park CD, **Debbie Mitchell**-Fremont, **Tina Travis**-El Paso County, **John Coyle**- Ark Valley Weeds, **Brittany Pierce**-Fremont County Weed Management, **Angela Safranek**- USFS, **Patty Knupp**- NRCS, **Charles Bryant**- Huerfano County, **Mia Cory**- Fremont Conservation District, **James Kulbeth**- US Army Fort Carson, **Leslie Gerhard**- US Army Fort Carson, **Mitch Emmer**- USFS, **Shelly Simmons**- PWWMC, **Jeff Outhier**- USFS, **Aaron Richter**- BLM

Welcome & Introductions: See attendance

**Kayla:** Call to order 9:33 AM

**Approval of Minutes:** Patty made a motion to approve the October minutes with corrections. Tina seconded. Motion Carried.

Kayla announced that she is stepping down as UACWMA president due to her other responsibilities with CWMA and NAISMA. She has been very busy working on new drafts of rules and regulations. Marisa made a motion to nominate Brittany as new president, Debbie seconded. Motion carried. Tina made a motion to nominate Shelly as vice president, Charles seconded the motion, motion carried. Mia made a motion to keep Marisa and Debbie in their current positions of secretary and treasurer, Shelly seconded. Motion carried.

The April meeting will be re-scheduled to April 7th instead of the 9th because of a conflict with the CWMA Spring training.

Kayla and Tina talked about potential bills in the upcoming legislative season. There is a chance that neonicotinoids may be classified as restricted use pesticides. Tina said that she would send out a bill draft of the Preemption Bill. Kayla went to a meeting in Denver for the Coloradans for Responsible Pesticide Application.

**Financials:** The 3rd quarter UACWMA balance is \$ 8,973.78.

**Annual Conference Discussion:** Debbie handed out the reviews for the 2019 Annual Conference.

**Grant Update:** 2020 NWF Grant application is submitted and the 2019 Final Report is due on January 15th.

**Mapping:** Kayla spoke about mapping issues. It is all a work in progress trying to get the State, County and local entities on the same page.

**Healthy Lands Workshop 2020:** The UACWMA will pursue the idea of setting up a booth at the Canon City Blossom Festival. We discussed what marketing materials we would like to give away and how we would take turns manning the tent in twos. Kayla made a motion to use the Blossom Festival as the Healthy Lands Workshop, Debbie seconded the motion; motion carried. Brittany will check on the booth availability and cost of booth rental. Kayla will help with marketing; pens, stickers and lip balm.

**Play, Clean, Go:** NAISMA has taken over management of Play, Clean, Go. The Annual cost is \$150. UACWMA has tabled joining as a group. Individuals are encouraged to join.

### **Round Table:**

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**Debbie:** There was one UACWMA annual meeting participant who put a hold on PayPal. The issue has been resolved and CEC credits will be released.

**John:** He had a brief discussion on how we can write a letter from the organization to CSU stressing the importance of keeping someone in Dr. Nissan's position.

**Angela:** N/A

**Mitchell:** N/A

**Marisa:** N/A

**Shelly:** She showed the group the new Las Animas County weed guide. They were able to put it together with a combination of funding sources. Shelly was unable to attend the CWMA conference due to illness and would like them to re-evaluate refund policies. She would like the group to send her our CORA policies. Once again discussed mapping requirements.

**Kayla:** She discussed Viper Grass.

**Mia:** N/A

**Tina:** Tina announced that Marisa had been awarded the 2019 CWMA Newcomer Award.

**Patty Knupp-** Patty updated us on EQIP timelines and asked us to keep sending things to Mary for the website.

**Jeff O.:** Updated us on fire activities.

**Aaron:** Aaron informed us that he has a new position within the BLM.

**Charles:** Funding and overload of duties continues to be a concern in Huerfano County. He is hitting Cheat Grass now and wrapping up mapping reporting.

**Brittany:** Brittany is finishing up on grant work and is going to include more biological controls. They may have to move their shop area away from the airport area.

**James:** Fort Carson is getting ready to do a mapping project on the Yellow Minonet. They keep finding more.

**Leslie:** Newly hired to work with James on Fort Carson.

2020 meeting dates.

January 9, 2020

April 7, 2020 (changed)

July 9, 2020

October 8, 2020

Next Quarterly Meeting: **APRIL 7, 2020**

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

Adjourn – 12:10 PM

