

**Upper Arkansas Cooperative Weed Management Area**  
**July 9, 2020**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Quarterly meeting minutes**

**Brittany Pierce** – Fremont County Weed Management; **Shelly Simmons** – PWWMC; **Marisa Neuzil** – Teller-Park CD; **Kayla Malone** – Chaffee / Lake Counties; **Debbie Mitchell** – Fremont CD; **Charles Bryant** – Huerfano County; **Patty Knupp** – NRCS; **Angela Safranek** – USFS.

**Welcome & Introductions:** See attendance

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Correction for the Healthy Lands Workshop 2020 – was not sure if it was cancelled. Shelly made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction, Kayla seconded. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** The financial report was presented with a balance of \$11,429.38 in the account. The \$50 paid for the Healthy Lands Workshop was for a waiver from losses or injury, and the \$190 is for the booth rental.

**Old Business:**

- PlayCleanGo Partnership support – Debbie will contact to find out exactly how to join and pay the fee of \$150 when the answer is received
- Healthy Lands and Summer Workshops have been cancelled for this year
- Standard Operating Procedures & Agreement were approved in April 2020. Checked with the federal agencies in attendance about doing an in perpetuity agreement between agencies and UACWMA instead of the 5 year agreements that are currently signed. Individual agencies will do the in perpetuity agreements and return to Fremont County Weed Management for the records.
- CDA NWF 2021 grant funds were approved

**New Business:**

- Shelly will compile a contact list that is up-to-date and share with the group for meetings. Marisa will be POC for quarterly meetings. Shelly will also work on Google Drive file for all reports for the quarterly meetings, with one person sending out the information. Debbie has the email list for the Annual Meeting and other outreach as needed.
- The Annual Meeting that is held in November was discussed by the group. A motion was made by Kayla, seconded by Marisa to cancel this year's meeting due to the COVID-19 requirements. The meeting cancellation was going to be sent to Mary to post on the website and emailed to our contact list for the meeting. Another discussion was had on where people can get the CEC credits that are needed. Some suggestions were:
  - ❖ Work with CWMA to get credits needed
  - ❖ Pested.com and CO CEC Credits are digital credits
  - ❖ CDA credits website
  - ❖ Sandra McDonald

- Other suggestions for outreach for the Annual Meetings were: a newsletter with success stories for our cooperative, and Custer County CSU Extension suggested a short video for a virtual conference covering specific topics.

### **Round Table:**

**Brittany:** The weeds have been different this year. They have some new CDOT contracts and have been spraying along the roads – may be hiring additional crew for this. BLM did the aerial spraying this year for the Elongated Mustard which happened in June. They will have the mule spraying team on Grape Creek this year. Possibly getting a new rig. Working with landowners. Weevil on Knapweed was found in the Royal Gorge area. Angela advised of Dalmatian toadflax on Highway 9,

**Shelly:** Working with landowners on Myrtle Spurge in the city limits of Trinidad. Cost share with Spanish Peaks CD is going well. Donna is spraying along with a couple of volunteers. Working as a consulting contractor with Spanish Peaks CD. No longer with Rivers Edge West.

**Marisa:** Keeping John busy spraying. They had 58 cost share applications last year and are on track for about the same this year – will be asking the CD Board for additional cost share funds. City of Fairplay wants to crackdown on Scented Chamomile with outreach and spraying. More grass seed sold than ever. Pursuing HPP funding for additional cost share funds.

**Kayla:** Helicopter spraying for Elongated Mustard was 2.5 acres this year – will continue to monitor. BLM, HPP and SLB funded the Elongated Mustard spraying this year. They did not hire their 2<sup>nd</sup> seasonal. Lake County has Scented Chamomile, Oxeye Daisy. Chaffee County has Dalmatian toadflax but no Canada Thistle yet. CWMA is extremely busy. Plenty of rust fungus available.

**Debbie:** Completed the Russian Olive Project survey for the Annual Report for CWCB, with a lot of Foxtail Barley noted. From our Local Work Group survey, a weed workshop for landowners may be needed in 2021.

**Charles:** They are in a drought. Had a release of wasps for Russian knapweed. Plenty of Scotch thistle. Injector tool worked well on Tamarisk, Russian olive, Siberian Elm and Tree of heaven. They are using the Canada thistle rust fungus for the burn area regrowth. Also have overgrown quaking aspen due to the fire. They had a well collapse. Their seasonal is back this year.

**Patty:** Not much weed-wise. EQIP applications are getting funded. Still has Canada thistle rust fungus – let her know if you need any. Gall wasps were put on Russian knapweed in Crowley County.

**John (by Marisa):** Has been super busy and hired a couple of sprayers.

**Angela:** Used the injector in New Mexico – best used in the fall. Stem boring weevils for yellow toadflax was found in the Pike Forest. Kelsey Crane is the new Rangeland Specialist.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.