

Upper Arkansas River Cooperative Weed Management Area

July 20, 2017

Garden Park Building Conference Room

201 N. 6th Street, Canon City

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Quarterly meeting minutes

Attendance: Patty Knupp-NRCS, Jana Rapetti-Fremont Co, Kayla Malone-Chaffee/Lake Counties, Marisa Neuzil-Teller-Park CD, Debbie Mitchell-Fremont CD, Angela Safranek-USFS, Shelly Simmons PWWMC, Carol Kuisle-Franta-Custer County CD/NRCS, Charles Bryant-Huerfano County Road and Bridge?.

Welcome & Introductions: See attendance

Kayla: Call to order 9:42 AM

Approval of minutes: Jana makes a motion, Debbie seconded. April minutes approved.

Kayla and Jana and Group: 2016 Discussion began with the need for success stories for the website. Mary Menz is waiting for new material in order to update the website. The group decided whether to have the logo be on the front or back or both sides of UACWMA T-shirts. Front was picked. Grey was the popular color choice. We discussed other merchandise options for the annual meeting- stickers, water bottles, hats, etc. The annual meeting was planned and scheduled for November 8, 2017 at the Canon City Abbey. There will be a wine tasting after the regularly scheduled workshop.

Kayla re-iterated that free bio-control are free from the Palisade Insectory dependent upon availability. She shared that she had found some Rust Fungus on Canada Thistle where it had not been placed.

2017 Grant: UACWMA will turn in one report by Thanksgiving instead of the quarterly reports. There are four entities that will meet separately in order to get this completed. New weed books will be financed out of the educational portion of this grant. Custer County's weed program is in flux since Robin's departure and a solution is still being worked out.

Round table Discussion:

Debbie: Brought reports and pictures of Rainbow Park River project. Offered to take the group for a site visit. Jana, Marisa, Shelly and Debbie agreed to go on the field trip.

Marisa: Discussed a Cyress Spurge issue up in Teller County. She will ask the state for guidelines about eradication. Upcoming annual Bison Reservoir hike to look for Orange Hawkweed. Very happy with Ark Valley Weeds handling the district's private spraying obligations.

Kayla: She reported that the helicopter spray treatment for Elongated Mustard was a success. They treated 80 acres up from 56 last year. They may have discovered it along the Arkansas so they will conduct a raft survey later in the season. They have also hit it with ATV treatments. Kayla has found a qualified seasonal employee and looks forward to a continued seasonal relationship with him.

Jana: Jana announced that she will be taking a job in California and will be leaving in August. Her job position was posted that day and we are all hoping that the Fremont County Weed Program legacy will live on. Tony will be leaving as well.

Shelly: Nothing to report

Patty: She reiterated that Mary Menz needs success stories in order to update the group's website. Mary's email address is mary.t.menz@gmail .com if you would like to send things directly to her. Nothing new to report

Angela: Let us know that the USFS is in flux. They are working on a strategy to prioritize weed management better. It may be by watersheds.

Charles: Kept very busy in Huerfano managing weeds and water. He is bringing things up to date with new computer systems.

Carol: Everything was covered in previous discussion.

Next Quarterly Meeting is October 12, 2017

Garden Park Building 201 N 6th, Canon City 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Adjourn – 12:11 p.m.

