

Upper Arkansas River Cooperative Weed Management Area

October 09, 2019

Garden Park Building Conference

Room 201 N. 6th 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, **Kara Harders**-CSU small acreage/NRCS, **Brittany Pierce**- Fremont County Weed Management, **Angela Safranek**-USFS, **Patty Knupp**- NRCS, **Charles Bryant**- Huerfano County, **Donna Landrum**- Fremont County Weed, **Mia C**- Fremont Conservation District, **Angela Safranek**- USFS, **Tina Travis**-El Paso County.

Welcome & Introductions: See attendance

Kayla: Call to order 9:37 AM

Approval of Minutes: Debbie made a motion to approve the July minutes with corrections. Kara seconded.

2019 Grant Cycle: Debbie asked that Quarter reports be sent to her by October 20, 2019. Kayla asked that we try to have the NWF final reporting in to her by November 30, 2019.

Financials: The 3rd quarter UACWMA balance is \$ 11,065.22.

Annual Conference Discussion: Kayla will bring the computer and clicker, Debbie will bring the projector. Those of us in attendance chose jobs to do at the meeting. The CWMA annual conference will take place at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort on December 4th and 5th. The theme is Back to Basics.

Marketing: Patty encouraged all of us to send our success stories to Mary for the website. Charles will write an article about Scotch Thistle and Marisa will write one about Black Henbane. Kara will write about Cheat Grass.

Round Table:

Debbie: Fremont Conservation District conducted a weed walk in September for 32 people in Howard. They put out Tamarisk beetles and coordinated a boy scout troop to do a cleanup in the trees and shrubs at the River Park.

John: Finishing up with 2019 spray season. Looking at hiring employees for 2020 and continues to stay busy with many agencies.

Angela: Angela was pleased to introduce the new weed coordinator for the Pike. Mitchel Emmer recently accepted the position. They have been busy strategizing how best to tackle the weed problems in the USFS. There will be a contingent from Uzbekistan coming to Canon City August 26-30th to learn about pasture management and restoration.

The USFS is working on releasing a bio-control for Yellow Toadflax.

Marisa: Marisa is working on completing her obligations for the CSCB grant as well as the NWF grant. Teller-Park Conservation District is planning for the 2020 season.

Kayla: Kayla spent four days collecting Rust Fungus at a site she found in her district. This has been shared with eight entities. Chaffee county will be receiving more funding through a new tax and Kayla is working on a more proactive approach to weed management.

Kara: Kara helped with the Howard weed walk and continues to work on the noxious weed brochures. She has had increased site visits.

Tina: Tina has put up two boot brushes, she also helped harvest the Canada Rust Fungus. Tina will become the CWMA president at the winter meeting. Kayla is president elect. She was interviewed on KOAA. Her office continued to send weed compliance letters.

Patty Knupp- Patty says that \$45.5 million has been obligated for EQIP. Colorado is 4th in the nation for spending. She is working with the insectary to release biological controls on Russian Knapweed. She also helped collect Canada Rust Fungus with Kayla.

Angela: She spoke about her interactions with the Uzbekistan delegations that are here to learn better resource management.

Charles: He gave a demonstration of the Ez-Ject Herbicide Lance. This injects herbicide loaded cartridges into trees. The rains this year brought 10 times the weeds this year. He sprayed Custer County as well as Huerfano. Last year was spent on mapping. They treated Myrtle Spurge as well as Mediterranean Sage in Custer County. There is a new CSU Extension Agent in Custer County. Charles is hoping to back out of the water duties.

Brittany: It was a busy first season for her at the helm. She has completed her QS. They have finished up on roadsides. They were able to inoculate 2-3 acres of Canada Thistle along the River Park. Looking ahead to next year's Elongated Mustard strategy and they have released gall wasps for Russian Knapweed.

2020 meeting dates.

January 9, 2020

April 9, 2020

July 9, 2020

October 8, 2020

Next Quarterly Meeting: **January 9, 2019**

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

Adjourn – 12:02 PM

