

Upper Arkansas River Cooperative Weed Management Area

Fremont County Building,
Room 207
615 Macon Street, Canon City
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
October 11, 2018

Quarterly meeting minutes

Attendance: Nick Bankston-Fremont Co, Kayla Malone-Chaffee/Lake Counties, Marisa Neuzil-Teller-Park CD, Debbie Mitchell-Fremont, Charles Bryant-Huerfano County, Kara Harders-CSU/NRCS, Bryan Welding- El Paso, Tina Travis- El Paso,

Welcome & Introductions: See attendance

Kayla: Call to order 9:34 AM

Approval of Minutes: Debbie Mitchell made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes, Bryan Welding seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial: No financial report

Noxious Weed Fund Grant: Kayla reminded the group that the next quarterly report needs to be sent to her by October 22 so that she can get it compiled and sent in to the CDA by October 31. The partners decided to just finish the final reporting by November and then get all the funding in one payment at the end.

Annual Meeting: The CEC's are all approved. We are short on sponsors this year, but all is arranged with the Abbey.

Mary Menz has encouraged us to share stories to the website as well as the annual meeting presentations when available.

Round Table:

Charles Bryant: Charles has completed some mapping in Custer County as per their mutual aid agreements. Next year Huerfano County will take care of Custer County spraying using Custer County equipment. Charles has been busy after the Spring Creek Fire. The county has kicked in with some funding for weed spraying.

Kara Harder: Kara participated in a weed walk with 24-28 participants.

Kayla Malone: Kayla would like to speak to drought response in noxious weeds. Kayla was able to collect Rust Fungus from a local landowner which she shared with the group. We will all try to find an acreage in which to grow some more and share.

Nick Bankston: Nick had a rough year with contracts. He did spray 296 acres for targeted weeds. He is looking for other revenue streams for 2019.

Debbie Mitchell: Fremont continues to monitor the Russian Olive River Park project. They are re-treating some areas where secondary weeds have emerged. Nick will most likely use a pre-emergent on some areas. Fremont CD has only had two cost share requests for 2018.

Marisa Neuzil: Marisa has given out \$7,700 in cost share to date. This year's contract services with John Coyle went smoothly and look forward to continuing this partnership.

Bryan Welding and Tina Travis: El Paso County is dealing with the public perception of herbicides. They are having some problems with weeds around the Bear Creek Community Gardens.

2019 Meeting Dates:

JANUARY 10, 2019

APRIL 11, 2019

JULY 11, 2019

OCTOBER 10, 2019

Meeting Adjourned 11:40

Next Quarterly **January 10, 2019**. Garden Park Building Conference Room, 201 N. 6th Street, Canon City.

