

Upper Arkansas Cooperative Weed Management Area
August 08, 2023
Fremont County Weed Bldg. 1901 East Main St. Canon City

Quarterly meeting minutes

Brittany Pierce – Fremont County Weed Management; **Marisa Neuzil** – Teller-Park CD; **Debbie Mitchell** – Fremont CD; **Kayla Malone**- Chaffee/Lake County Weed Management, **Nick Daniel**- El Paso County, **Angela Safranek**- USFS

Welcome & Introductions: See attendance.

Brittany: Call to order at 9:30 A.M.

Approval of Minutes and Financials by acclimation: Debbie made a motion to approve the minutes, Kayala seconded. Motion carried.

We currently have \$ 17511.73 in checking.

Old Business:

- Kayla will research and update MOUs. We will have the agreements signed by the end of the year.
- Pueblo has a new weed manager. We believe that it is Donovan Shepard. We will reach out to him regarding UACWMA.
- Shirts were delivered at the annual meeting in February. There is still a possibility to order.
- The NWF 2022 grant is finalized.
- We are currently working under the 2023 NWF grant.

New Business:

- This group finalized the details for the September weed walk in Florence. We will have box lunches at the walk. Brittany will create the marketing flyer.
- Debbie will purchase two boxes of CWMA weed ID books from the summer sale.
- Marisa made a motion for UACWMA to sponsor a booth at the CWMA Winter Training at the Bronze level. Debbie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Round Table:

Fremont County Weed Management: Brittany has been busy working on her partner contracts. The State Land Board passed on participation on the Elongated Mustard Project this year.

USFS: Angela Safranek brought up the state weed lists and how seed lists are not as stringent as weed lists. We will reach out to the State Weed Advisory Committee regarding this issue. There are Federal dollars coming in and they are looking for properties that are adjacent to USFS land that will compliment treatment.

TPCD: Marisa has been dealing with increased public harassment through the pass-through roadside contracts. The district has worked with Teller County BOCC to mitigate this issue for next year. They will come up with an

opt-out program. Marisa has been conducting site visits and they now have Dr. Lucy Bauer conducting HOA talks in the Bailey area.

Fremont Conservation District. Debbie has been busy and will be available to help plan for the upcoming weed walk.

Chaffee County: Kayla Larry Walker agreed to work as a seasonal again this year. She also had a seasonal employee that she has transitioned out of the field and into the office in a new role. Chaffee County has seen an almost complete collapse of Dalmatian toadflax. She may have more Rust Fungus for us.

El Paso County: Nick Daniel introduced himself to the group. He is the new noxious weed manager for El Paso County.

Meeting times for 2023:

January 10, 2023

April 11, 2023

July 11, 2023

October 10, 2023

Next Meeting: October 10, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM

Action Items: Think of topics and guest speakers for February annual meeting.