

**Fremont County
Weed Advisory Board**

January 15, 2025
**Fremont County Garden Park Bldg.
Garden Park Conference Room**
*201 N. 6th Street
Canon City, CO 81212*

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Rick Romano

Board Members Present (in Person):

Rick Romano, Chairman	12/31/2027
Tom Grette	12/31/2026
Donna Landrum	12/31/2026
Ed Norden	12/31/2027
Paul Telck	12/31/2025
Tony Telck	12/31/2026
Ralph Kunselman	12/31/2026
John Coyle	12/31/202?

Board Members Absent:

Justin Kurth	12/31/2024
Paul Garrett	12/31/2025
Roy Roper	Life

Others Present (in Person):

Brittany Pierce, Fremont County Weed Management Director
Tony Carochi, Fremont County Administrator
Dwayne McFall, Fremont County Commissioner
Steve Wolfe, City of Florence
Daniel Morse, Fremont Conservation District
Bonface Manono, CSU Extension
Jesse Young, City of Canon City
Greg Langer, NRCS
Kathy Lutz, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve agenda by Ed Norden and 2nd by Tony Telck

Minutes:

The minutes from the November 20, 2024 meeting were distributed via email.

Two corrections to minutes:

The spelling of Suckleya suckleyana

Britany's office is on East Main in Canon City– not in Florence

Motion to approve minutes as amended by Tony Telck and 2nd by Tom Grette

Chairman's Report:

Welcome new board member, John Coyle

John introduced himself as the owner of Ark Valley Weed Management and serves on various boards and committees for weed management throughout the state of Colorado

Agency Reports:

- **Commissioner's Comments**

Dwayne McFall stated that the legislative session is opening and he is not aware of any updates at this time

- **BLM**

No update

- **CSU Extension/NRCS Small Acreage**

Bonface Manono stated that they have applied for a grant with the Conservation District

- **NRCS**

Greg stated they are getting contracts obligated for 2025 and working on getting forestry applications approved – some of which contain weed management

- **Fremont Conservation District**

Daniel Morse stated this is an election year – 2 are up for re-election
Planning to do Home & Garden show

Brittany discussed the Upper Arkansas Cooperative Weed Management Area Annual Meeting happening on February 11, 2025, at the Pueblo Convention Center

Registration is open

\$60 registration fee – Daniel said you can save a few dollars if you register directly with him through the Fremont Conservation District

<https://www.fremontcd.org/register-here-upper-arkansas-cooperative-weed-management-area-annual-meeting>

- **City of Cañon City**

Jessie Young has reached out to a few locals with mules to get to hard to reach areas

- **City of Florence**

Drum roll please - Steve Wolfe is present to represent the City of Florence

Rick mentioned River Park needing work and Steve stated that it has been cleaned up

Treating for Tamarisk and Russian Olive

- **Canon City Metropolitan Area Rec District**

Not present

Weed Director's Report:

Brittany stated that she has wrapped up the BLM agreement from last 5 years to begin a new one
Kayla Malone of Chaffee County is stepping down to move back to Minnesota

US Forestry funding is minimal this year – so this will add to her workload

Two boot brush kiosks are installed

Preparing material for Upper Arkansas meeting in February and finalizing other grants

Weed Board Member and Guest Roundtable:

Dwayne stated that the federal government is cutting US Forest Service funding so they will not be able to hire workers for maintenance.

John Coyle stated that his Forest Service contracts are pass throughs from Colorado Springs Utilities – so his are still in place at this time.

John referenced Boulder weed management (Joe Swanson) is having trouble renewing their Weed Management plan mentioning it as a reminder to design the Fremont County weed management plan with defensibility built into the plan

Marshall Fire brought in winter invasives

Old Business:

It is time to renew the Fremont County Weed Management Plan

Rick Romano asked if everybody has a copy of the Weed Management Plan

Ed asked if the state has made changes to the A, B, C & Watch List

Brittany stated that the Watch List has been eliminated

Ed stated the main changes would be Noxious List changes

Then page 5 – need to confirm that the document references will remain the same

John suggested adding wild fire risk reduction to the first page

Rick asked if mapfast is still being used (bottom of page 5 to top of page 6 – monitoring & mapping)

John – page 4 chemical control – maybe strike it out for spot spraying or replace that wording with “most efficient method” to have more options

Brittany recommended a small committee to thoroughly review document

Also – the A, B & C lists can be modified for Fremont County to make it relevant for the county – the state noxious weed list is more expansive than the list that Fremont County has in the document

Ed – page 3 policy statement – private land owners who “choose” (instead of chose)
Rick asked for volunteers to form a committee

The following individuals volunteered to review the Weed Management Plan thoroughly – John Coyle, Bonface Manono, Tony Telck, Jesse Young, Donna Landrum, Rick Romano
Tony Telck stated “Rick we don’t need you there”

The group should meet before the next Weed Advisory Board meeting on March 19, 2025
Donna suggested meeting directly following this meeting

New Business:

None

Adjournment / Next Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in the Garden Park Conference Room.