

**Fremont County
Weed Advisory Board**

May 15, 2024

Fremont County Garden Park Bldg.

Garden Park Conference Room

201 N. 6th Street

Canon City, CO 81212

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Rick Romano

Board Members Present (in Person):

Rick Romano, Chairman	12/31/2024
Tom Grette	12/31/2026
Donna Landrum	12/31/2026
Ed Norden	12/31/2024
Paul Telck	12/31/2025
Tony Telck	12/31/2026

Board Members Absent:

Paul Garrett	12/31/2025
Ralph Kunselman	12/31/2026
Justin Kurth	12/31/2024
Roy Roper	Life

Others Present (in Person):

Brittany Pierce, Fremont County Weed Management Director
Tony Carochi, Fremont County Administrator
Dwayne McFall, Fremont County Commissioner
Shanan Davey, CSU Extension
Casey Spurlin, Fremont County Weed Management
Daniel Morse, Fremont Conservation District
Reggie Foster, Custer County Extension
Kathy Lutz, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve agenda by Ed Norden and 2nd by Donna Landrum

Minutes:

The minutes from the March 13, 2024 meeting were distributed via email. The minutes were approved as circulated with one correction – Cheatgrass (not Sheep Grass) under Weed Member Roundtable.

Chairman's Report:

Rick Romano stated that Jay Adamic is stepping down from the Weed Advisory Board

A new Vice Chair needs to be selected from existing Board Members.
A new member needs to be selected to fill the vacancy.

Agency Reports:

- **Commissioner's Comments**

Dwayne McFall stated that the open position for the Weed Advisory Board will be posted on the Fremont County Website www.fremontcountyco.gov to fill Jay Adamic's spot on the board.

Tom Grette asked if we should get somebody from CPW to replace Jay – Dwayne stated that is not necessary – but if anybody knows someone that is interested it would be helpful.

- **BLM**

Not present

- **CSU Extension/NRCS Small Acreage**

Shanan Davey stated that the Master Gardener Program is slowing down.

They will have a booth at Junktique Days on May 17-18.

A variety of programs are in the works for the summer.

They are answering questions from citizens along the lines of grasshoppers, plantings, etc

- **NRCS**

Not present

- **Fremont Conservation District**

Daniel Morris stated another check was cut for \$10,000 to Fremont County Weed Management for cost share bringing their total since 1998 to \$211,000.

They were approved for 2024 Grant of \$114,850

They will be at the Fremont County Fair on Family Day.

Daniel mentioned that the open board position could be posted in the Fremont Conservation District newsletter – please send him the relevant information.

The newsletter / website is also presenting Conservation Awards.

Categories include Farmer, Rancher, Forester, Small Acreage and Local Business.

Contact Daniel with nominations.

- **City of Cañon City**

Jessie Young not present due to travel

- **City of Florence**

No representative from the City of Florence.

Ed Norden will reach out to City of Florence

- **Canon City Metropolitan Area Rec District**
Not present – but Brittany talked to Devin.
Sprayer was broken – but working now. Focus on parks.

Weed Director's Report:

Brittany discussed HB241178 – Statewide Uniformity. It died in committee.

An IGA with Custer County has been approved. Ongoing discussion with Custer County Commissioner Kevin Day.

Rick asked what weeds they would focus on and Brittany stated all Noxious Weeds on the state list.

Brittany has been receiving calls from private landowners in Custer County to treat weeds.

Brittany is setting up site visits at quarries and mines.

Brittany has been assisting with State Land Board cost share.
CDOT fiscal year ends on June 30 / July 1 – so more activity with year end deadlines approaching.

Herbicide sales at about \$4k already for the year.

Discussion on cost share – she will be putting updated information up on the website.

Rick asked if Guidelines are still available and Brittany stated that they are still on the website but they need to be updated

Kiosk Signage is still in the works.

Weed Board Member and Guest Roundtable:

Tony Telck talked to Mannie Colon last week regarding Whitetop and he needs a follow up to get treated.

Milestone has been relabeled – no feed or livestock can be moved from area sprayed for 18 months after it has been broadcast.

Tom Grette – was a weed applicator for the County and was with BLM for 30 years prior.

Donna Landrum stated there's weeds growing out there and she is going to get out there and spray

Old Business:

Review of Bylaws

Brittany handed out a copy of the Bylaws with changes by Ed Norden to each of the board members.

Ed made a motion to adopt amended language and it was seconded by Tony Telck.
Motion passed

Kathy will make a new Signature page for the last page of the Bylaws and have it ready for signature at November meeting.

New Business:

New Board Member needed to fill open position.

New Vice Chairman will need to be selected at the November meeting.

Adjournment / Next Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. in the Garden Park Conference Room.