

**BYLAWS OF
FREMONT COUNTY WEED ADVISORY BOARD**

**ARTICLE I
*Purposes***

The Fremont County Weed Advisory Board, hereafter referred to as the “Weed Board”, is organized for the following purposes:

To advance the interests of agriculture and other local land uses in the application and improvement of the Noxious Weed Management Plan for Fremont County including the Cities of Cañon City and Florence;

To promote and advance a comprehensive weed control program, concerning uniformity in services and proper Integrated Pest Management to enhance product quality and control for the citizens, landowners and land managers of Fremont County, Colorado;

To take an active part in education and communication concerning weed control and any broadened field of subsidies to support and enhance the projects of the Fremont County Weed Management Director;

To formulate and express approval or disapproval of policy measures when the need arises; and

To review and respond to any proposed local law or ordinance concerning weed control measures or amendments that may be considered by the Fremont County Board of Commissioners.

The Weed Board and the Fremont County Weed Management Department are encouraged to maintain memberships in CWMA and other organizations. Dues associated with annual memberships will be considered part of the Fremont County Weed Management budget.

**ARTICLE II
*Statutory Duties***

A. Local advisory boards shall have the power and duty to:

(1) Develop a recommended management plan for the integrated management of designated noxious weeds and recommended management criteria for noxious weeds within the area governed by the local government or governments appointing the local advisory board;

(2) Declare noxious weeds and any state noxious weeds designated by rule to be subject to integrated management;

(3) Recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that identified landowners be required to submit an individual integrated management plan to manage noxious weeds on their property.

(4) Encourage research and education regarding noxious weeds and encourage landowner responsibility in prevention and control of the spread of invasive plants.

B. The management plan shall be reviewed at regular intervals, but not less often than once every three years, by the local advisory board. The management plan and any amendments made thereto shall be transmitted to the Board of County Commissioners for approval, modification, or rejection.

ARTICLE III
Registered office and Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Weed Board shall begin on the first day of January and end the last day of December in each year.

The registered office of the Weed Board shall be located at Fremont County Administration Building; 615 Macon Ave, Cañon City, CO 81212. The location of the registered office may be changed by a majority vote of the Weed Board.

ARTICLE IV
Membership

Membership on the Weed Board shall be open to all Fremont County residents who manage or own property in Fremont County. A majority of the Weed Board members should be landowners of over forty acres, engaged in production agriculture, or have expressed an interest in land and water conservation.

Membership selection

Letters of interest from all potential Weed Board members shall be reviewed by the Weed Board, and recommendations for appointments will be made to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners will make the appointments.

Terms of Members

The Weed Board shall consist of ten members. Two members shall be at large, and whenever possible two members shall be from each of the following individual areas of the county: Penrose, Florence, Canon City, and western Fremont County. Each area will have no delineated boundary; however new members will be sought who live in close vicinity to Penrose, Florence, Canon City and western Fremont County. If there are not adequate members for designated areas, vacancies on the Weed Board will be filled with interested members regardless of the area of residence.

All members of the Weed Board will serve for a term of (3) three years. Members are eligible to continue service by submitting a letter of interest to the Board of County Commissioners prior to the expiration of their term. The Weed Board shall make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for reappointment.

Honorary Membership

Honorary Lifetime Membership (non-voting) may be presented to any member of the Board, for extra ordinary service and duty, by a majority vote of the current Weed Board.

Ex-officio Membership

Ex-officio membership is open to any official or representative of local, regional, state and federal governments responsible for land management or weed control. However these members will hold no official status in the organization for the purpose of voting or holding office. Landowners and managers from adjacent counties are also eligible for ex-officio membership.

ARTICLE V
Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of the Weed Board shall be called by the Chairman in consultation with the Weed Management Director at an official time and place agreed, to consider official business of the Weed Board and to receive committee reports. All meetings shall be conducted in full compliance with the Colorado Open Meetings Act.

Section 2. The number of regular meetings shall not exceed six throughout the calendar year. Meetings will typically be scheduled on the third Wednesdays in January, March, May, and November. Additional meetings may be held during the growing season at the request of the Fremont County Weed Management Director.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Weed Board may be called by the Chairman. The Chairman shall be required to call a special meeting if requested in writing by the Board of County Commissioners, Fremont County Weed Management Director, or five members of the Weed Board. Notice of any special meeting will be by e-mail at least 3 days before the appointed date of the meeting. All notices shall set forth the time, place and date of the meeting. The Board of County Commissioners and the Fremont County Weed Management Director shall be given at least 3 days notice of all special meetings.

Section 4. The order of business for all regular meetings shall be as follows:

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll call by Secretary
- C) Determination of Quorum
- D) Reading and approval of minutes of the last meeting
- E) Old Business
- F) Committee and Official Reports
- G) New business
- H) Adjournment

All meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order

ARTICLE VI
Quorums

A quorum of the Weed Board shall be a majority of the voting members of the Weed Board having been duly notified in writing by the Chairman or Secretary.

ARTICLE VII
Officers

Officers shall consist of a Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Board of Commissioners will provide the Weed Board with a recording secretary. The officers shall be elected by members of the Board at the regular meeting in January of each year. Officers shall be elected from members of the Weed Board. The Chairman and Vice Chairman will each serve a one year term and may be re-elected for no more than five (5) consecutive terms. Vacancies of the officers shall be filled by election at the succeeding regular meeting by the Weed Board members. New officers shall assume their duties immediately following the close of the first official meeting at which they were elected.

ARTICLE VIII
Duties of Officers

Chairman: Shall attend and preside over all meetings of the Weed Board and shall be an ex-officio member of any committee appointed either by him/her or the officers. The Chairman shall also, as deemed proper, communicate to the membership of the Weed Board on matters pertaining to the business of the Weed Board.

Vice Chairman: Shall, in the absence and at the direction of the Chairman, perform the duties of the Chairman. He/she will be in charge of the bylaws and see that they are maintained in up to date order.

Recording Secretary: Shall keep all records of the Weed Board and shall have custody of all minutes. Minutes of meetings shall be provided in writing to the Board of County Commissioners and members of the Weed Board within fourteen (14) days following Weed Board meetings.

ARTICLE IX
Annual Report

The Fremont County Weed Management Director will present an annual report at the conclusion of each field season and prior to the next calendar year. This report shall include highlights of the weed control and other related activities including acreage comparisons and budgetary results for the year.

ARTICLE X
Amendments

These bylaws may be amended consistent with state law by a two-thirds vote of the Weed Board members present at any regular meeting. A copy of the proposed amendments must be emailed to all Weed Board members by the Weed Management Director or the secretary at least 20 days prior to the meeting when final action may be taken on the proposed amendment.

ARTICLE XI
Committees

Section 1) The Chairman or the officers may appoint such committees to assist them in the conduct of the business of the Weed Board as they deem necessary.

Section 2) Terms of Committees: Any committee so appointed by the Chairman or the Weed Board shall continue in existence until terminated by the Chairman or a majority vote of the Weed Board, or until the purpose for which the committee was appointed is completed.

Section 3) The Weed Board may have the following committees:

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| Annual Weed Tour | Special Committees |
| Recognition of Service | Board Member Selection |
| Legislative | Public Relations and Publicity |

Other special committees as deemed necessary to the function of the Weed Board

BYLAWS

Upon adoption by the required two-thirds vote of the Weed Board at any regular meeting of the Weed Board these Bylaws shall become final. They shall have precedence over any and all articles, sentences, sections or portions thereof, any and all previous Constitution and Bylaws of the Weed Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Weed Board has executed these Bylaws on this Day (date)

20th of (Month) November Year 2024.

CHAIRMAN	<u>Rick Romano</u>	Rick Romano
VICE CHAIRMAN	<u>Thomas Grette</u>	Tom Grette
BOARD MEMBERS	<u>Paul Garrett</u>	Paul Garrett
	<u>Donna Landrum</u>	Donna Landrum
	<u>Paul Telck</u>	Paul Telck
	<u>Tony Telck</u>	Tony Telck
	<u>Edward H. Norden</u>	Ed Norden
	<u>Ralph Kunselman</u>	Ralph Kunselman

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DEBBIE BELL	_____	Date: _____
KEVIN GRANTHAM	_____	Date: _____
DWAYNE MCFALL	_____	Date: _____