

Weed Advisory Board meeting April 7th, 3pm NRCS/USFS office
Minutes

Present: Robin Young, Rick Romano, Beth Fortman, Dan Garrison, Tom Cottfield, Dan Garrison, Jana Rapetti, Dick Downey, Jeff Outthier, Roger Squire, Roger Gregg.

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:10pm
2. Roger Gregg was introduced and voted in as a board member.
3. 2-24-16 minutes were approved
4. Old business
 - a. Grant splits/Cost Share – Robin shared that the checks have been written and mailed. There were 3 landowners that received over \$1000 in order to meet the grant request. There is one more check that needs to be written to the Sierra Mojada HOA, however the amount isn't clear and Robin is waiting on clarification. The NWF cost share is \$9542.30 and the SPF cost share is \$2075.34 if the SM HOA cost share amount is correct.
 - b. 2016 Tour – Robin reported that the date is June 25th. George Beck will present IPM (successional management). The location will be All Aboard Westcliffe. The suggested format will be:
 - i. 9-10am presentation
 - ii. 10-12am tour (see plants that George will cover in talk)
 - iii. 12-12:30 – lunch (possibly have it at the Pavillion).
 - iv. 1230-130 calibration demo (Daryl Bressan will do this)Robin asked for suggestions on where to tour.
 - c. Chemical collection update – Robin reported that she spoke with Clean Harbors hazardous waste disposal about doing a county wide chemical disposal. The company gave her a quote (attached) of about \$9500. This will need to be discussed at the next meeting to see if it is worth the project. They estimate to package, transport, and dispose of pesticides, oil, antifreeze, flammable liquids, household cleaners, light bulbs, batteries, propane cylinders, etc. This doesn't include latex or oil based paint, electronics, or mercury. Rick suggested to get in touch with Tim Payne in Fremont county in order to talk about the recycling day they have planned. Jana mentioned that there could be help from the UACWMA to help offset the cost.
 - d. CDOT/R&B training update – Robin and Jana will hold the training at the Lake Pueblo Auditorium Visitors Center on April 28th from 9 to 3pm. This will include CDOT, CC R&B, CP&W, Fremont R&B and Municipalities (TOWC, TOSC, Canon City). Jana will put together a flier and agenda.

5. New business

- a. Bylaws – The board went through the bylaws and made changes. Robin will type them up and get them out for approval.
- b. Priority areas – leafy spurge/ myrtle spurge. Robin reported that the leafy spurge areas have grown and that more management needs to be done. The myrtle spurge on Hwy 96 near the W.E. Smith HOA is in bloom and needs to be taken care of soon. Tom said that they will take care of it soon. Jeff reported that the Cypress spurge should be monitored near the Donley Ranch/Hamilton Subdivision in Greenwood.
- c. CWMA Spring training – Robin, Jana, Tom, and Dan attended the spring training. Robin had to leave before the 2nd day. Tom said the 2nd day was more helpful. Jana gave an update on the Healthy Landscapes tax checkoff. The moneys will be given to the CWMA for grants, projects, and administration.

Announcements:

Native Plant Masters Classes – May 14, 21, 27. Botany Class on April 23rd

Next Meeting – date/time – August 25th at 2:30 at the NRCS office.