

Harney County CWMA
H.C. Court House Basement Meeting Room
January, 19 2012 @10:00 am
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 10:08 am. Those in attendance were Lesley Richman-BLM, Karen Moon-HC Watershed Council, Dustin Johnson-OSU Extension, Bonnie Rasmussen-ODA, Marty Suter-SWCD, Zola Ryan-NRCS, Jesse Barnes-HCWC, and Jim Campbell-CWMA.

CWMA Financials:

1. Still some confusion with CWMA financials, Jim will go through these with Marty Suter and make more adjustments to try and make it cleaner, and clearer for the CWMA members.

Old Business:

1. The Riley Medusahead Inventory has been completed in the Miller Canyon area and maps and letters were sent to the landowners. Jim is going to drive out to Riley and hand deliver another copy of these maps and the letter to enforce the need for these landowners to take action on their Medusahead issues.
2. Zola Ryan suggested using 2012 as an education and awareness year for the Riley area. The idea is to get these landowners together and make a concerted effort to teach them the importance of controlling the Medusahead, among other noxious weeds, in this area and the importance of approaching the issue together.
 - a. Zola motioned to form a subcommittee for this outreach program and the motion was seconded by Lesley.
 - b. The Riley subcommittee members are:
 - i. Zola Ryan
 - ii. Jim Campbell
 - iii. Bonnie Rasmussen
 - iv. Lesley Richman
 - v. Jesse Barnes
 - vi. Dustin Johnson
3. Three Oregon Weed Board grants were submitted for 2012 in Harney County. Those three OWB grants were for Otis Valley in the Drewsey area, South End in the Fields area, and the African Rue Grant. Bonnie said these grants would begin the evaluation process during the week of January 23rd.
4. The Harney County CWMA also submitted two S&P grants for 2012. These two grants were for a Spotted Knapweed project in lower Poison Creek Canyon and one for a comprehensive noxious weed inventory project in the Riley area.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A rough draft of the Harney County CWMA year end wrap-up presentation was presented to the attending members for review. The final draft will be completed in early February once all the financials are pulled in and once the CWMA members submit their contribution forms.
2. Dustin gave the group a quick update of the OSU studies from 2011.
 - a. One of the studies done was herbicide application rates on African Rue. Dustin explained that they know the rate it takes to control the African Rue, but finding a rate that does this while not killing the desirable vegetation is still unclear. More work will be done in an attempt to find the desired targeted control will be done.
 - b. Another study was the Russian Knapweed targeted grazing study. Dustin explained that he had no results of this study at this point and that 2012 would be the year that would produce the bulk of this studies results.
 - c. The Medusahead study results were “shelved” until our meeting in February.
 - d. Other year-end reports were also shelved until February due to time constraints.
3. Marty Suter informed us of an opportunity to help fund the CWMA Coordinator position through the use of an OWEB grant. Jim, Marty, and Zola will learn more about this opportunity and pursue it if still available.
4. The Annual Operating Plan for 2012 was discussed and some project ideas were also decided upon. The members present at the meeting decided to do the following projects in 2012.
 - a. Herbicide recertification training
 - b. Free spray day
 - i. To include “whole lot” spraying options to the public
 - c. Utility ROW inventories and treatments
 - d. Riley area education and awareness outreach
 - e. Weedy Evening
 - f. Hay growers weed control outreach
5. New offices were elected at the conclusion of this meeting.
 - a. The CWMA members present decided to nominate Zola Ryan to another term as our CWMA Chair. This motion was seconded and carried.
 - b. Jesse Barnes was nominated for Vice Chair, this was seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 with the next meeting scheduled for February 16 at 10:00am in the courthouse basement conference room.

