

Harney County CWMA
H.C. Court House Basement Meeting Room
September 21, 2011 @10:00 am
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 10:05 am. Those in attendance were Zola Ryan-NCRS, Lesley Richman-BLM, Jesse Barnes-HCWC, Karen Moon-HC Watershed Council, Mark Hansen-Crop Production Services, and Jim Campbell-CWMA.

After reviewing the minutes from August 2011 there will be a correction of SWMA to SWCD. Zola motion to approve the minutes otherwise, Jesse seconded, all in favor.

CWMA Financials:

1. Jesse found a discrepancy in coordinator copy; she will rework and email a corrected PDF copy out.
2. It was decided that closed projects would be dropped from the packet after a “closed” copy was sent out to the members of the CWMA.
3. Grain for “Target Grazing” must be used/moved ASAP. Lesley and Jim will work on moving this grain out by collecting testimonials and putting an advertisement together for the paper.

Old Business:

1. Introduced Jim Campbell as the new CWMA coordinator. Please start emailing all CWMA coordinator items to him at hccwma@co.harney.or.us
2. This year’s fair booth went well. Had more people working the booth and the booth received high marks from the judging. Aside from these high lights the booth received a rather low volume of traffic from the general public. It was thought that there was about the same amount of people interacting with the booth as in 2010.
3. The MOU and bylaws are almost ready to be ratified after some changes to the signature page. Jim will put together an agreement page with a statement of contributions and a place for each agency’s supervisor/manager to initial and date on this page. The signature page will be a separate page for each agency rather than a single page with several agencies on it.
4. This year’s Medusahead projects are nearly ready to be wrapped up from an inventory standpoint. Nick from the NRCS completed all but 4 of these inventories and the final four should be completed by early next week (week ending Oct. 1). The plan is to begin performing the application the following week, first week of October.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Future changes to the EQIP from the NRCS. These changes will not affect the people that are currently in the EQIP program, but new participants will be affected. Zola will be working to get a full understanding of the new changes and how to still make this program work well for the private land owners. She will keep the CWMA informed as new projects are introduced.
2. Mark from Crop Production Services has several 250 gallon totes with cages, and he is going to have a few brought over for us to use as water tanks for chemical mixing.
3. The RMEF has \$5,000 for us to use on chemical purchases.
4. Zola brought of the fact that Ventinata spottings seem to be on the rise. It was suggested and agreed open that the CWMA become more educated on this weed and start inventorying it when found.
5. Many of the new grant projects are going to concentrated on the “south end”. This would include the Trout Creek Ranch, the Colony Ranch, and the Hendrix ranch. Jim will put together a list of other private land owners in the area and approach them about the programs.