## **Harney County CWMA**

# **H.C. Court House Basement Meeting Room**

April 19, 2012 @ 10:00

### **Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was brought to order at 10:05 am. Those in attendance were Dustin Johnson-OSU Extension, Bonnie Rasmussen-ODA, Zola Ryan-NRCS, Karen Moon-Water Shed Council, and Jim Campbell-CWMA

March 22<sup>st</sup> minutes were approved without any needed revisions. Motioned to approve made by Dustin and seconded by Karen.

#### **CWMA Financials:**

- 1. There were a couple minor (copy/paste) errors within the financials discovered, Jim will correct and send out revised copy to the group.
- 2. Other than these minor errors, the financials were approved pending corrections of these errors.

#### Old Business:

- 1. The "Hay Growers" class was held and all aged it was a huge success. The attendance was great with over 25 people attending.
  - a. ODA offered 2 credits for this class and many of the attendees signed up for these credits.
- 2. The County Pesticide Recertification class was held, and the turnout was also good. Not as many people attended this class, but the key players were there.
  - a. ODA offered 6 credits for this class
- 3. It was decided that we would wait until the October OWEB grant cycle to apply for the Technical assistance grant. This would allow us the time needed to develop our long range plan and use this plan to bolster the grant application.

#### **New Business:**

- 1. CWMA Long Range Plan
  - a. Dustin and Jim worked on this plan last month, focusing on the "Approach" portion of the plan. The idea is that we should focus more on what makes a good project rather than attempting to lay out 5 years' worth of projects, that will change for sure.
  - b. The next step is the development of the map, with all the public information from "weed mapper" along with the past cost share projects ran by the CWMA. The map will stratify the county by using the Weed Board "Zones". Once all the information in displayed on the map, choosing a priority zone should become more clear.
- 2. The BLM led Medusahead project in the Folly Farm area of the county is starting to gear up. This project will incorporate aerial sketch mapping, ground truthing of some portion of this aerial mapping, educational outreach programs with emphasis on "Camera on Stick" technology, and hopeful large scale aerial and ground treatment of both public and private lands in this area of the county. The active partners in this project will include the BLM, Harney County, SWCD, DSL, and a handful of private landowners.
- 3. The Riley Medusahead Outreach Program was discussed once again. It was decided that Zola and Jim would pull this topic offline and discuss how the NRCS wanted to pursue this topic.

# **Additional Topics:**

1. Project administration cost, and where they should be used was discussed. The question of who should be performing the project reporting and how the administration should be split up was the focus. After a little discussion it was decided that we needed more, or at least the key players within this subject at the table to really solve this issue. It was decided to table this topic and either include it next month's meeting or discuss offline with the appropriate players.

With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50

The next meeting will be on May 17, at 10:00 in the Court House Basement Conference room.