

Harney County CWMA

H.C. Court House Basement Meeting Room

August 16th , 2012 @ 10:00

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 10:05 am. Those in attendance were Dustin Johnson-OSU Extension, Randy Wiest-DSL, Kenton Dick-Burns Paiute Tribe, Chuck Schaffeld-ODOT, DJ Smith-ODOT, Karen Moon-Water Shed Council, Lesley Richman-BLM, and Jim Campbell-CWMA

May 17th minutes were approved without any needed revisions. Motioned to approve made by Jesse and seconded by Lesley.

CWMA Financials:

1. Financials were approved with the following changes moving forward:
 - a. Close old Grey Family and old Teachers Workshop account tab
 - b. Close county Wide TACA account tab which will allow the remaining \$8,615.00 to return to the CWMA General Funds account.
 - c. Reflect my wages coming out of CWMA General Funds beginning on 1-1-2013
 - d. Add \$1000 to the 2012 HC Fair account tab for needed supplies.

Old Business:

1. With the CWMA and the SWCD splitting the administration funds for future projects it was suggested that we ensure the MOU and Bi-Laws reflect this change.
 - a. Dustin motioned to approve these changes to the MOU and Bi-Laws, Karen seconded it.
 - b. Jim will rewrite these documents to reflect the changes.

2. CWMA/BLM TACA Monitoring Project is moving forward as planned. Lesley and Jim have collected 'camera on a stick' photos for the proposed 2012 BLM TACA treatment areas. The CWMA is housing the data on an external hard drive and has taken responsibility for it. The next step is to treat the pre monitored areas and then re-run the camera on a stick transects to show change/improvement.
3. Free Spray Day went very well this year. Although those involved said it was taxing at times, they stand firmly behind this project and believe it is helping control weeds in and around town. The CWMA gave out about 900 gallons of premixed 'Speedzone' along with a copy of the product label. The county court received a letter commending the CWMA efforts with this project.
4. Jim gave an update on the three cost share grants that the CWMA is running this year. The S&P grant out in Riley is almost wrapped up. Jim needs to contact Gerry Miller and get his land inventoried then this project will be done. The two OSWB cost share grants are going well. Jim had Dan Comingore over and held a calibration/application workshop with the landowners in both area. Feel that these workshops went very well with many participants taking notes and asking good questions. The interim reports for all three grants were submitted and accepted on time. Jim will be working on the final reports as these projects draw to a close later this fall.

New Business:

1. This year's four day teacher workshop, 'Plant on the Move' was held during the week of July 30th at the Malheur Field Station. We had 10 teachers attend this year's workshop, only 1 local teacher from Crane attended. In addition to the Crane teacher we had 3 teachers from the Bend/Sisters area with the remaining 6 teachers coming from the west side and even one from Washington. All involved felt the workshop went very well and that the teachers were very receptive and appreciative of everything the people involved did to ensure a successful workshop. There will be no local teacher workshop next year but it will be held up in Starkey in an effort to encourage northeastern teachers to get involved. It looks like ONREP will be abandon the 2 workshop per year approach and go to a 1 workshop per year, probably be held in the Bend area.
2. This year's big TACA spray is drawing near once again. Between the NRCS and OWEB we are planning on spraying 6,261 acres of private land this year. The BLM is planning on

hopefully spraying between 4,000-5,000 acres as well. Lesley did all the paperwork necessary to move forward with this project, but is having difficulty with her PUP at the state level. She is working with her office to move through the issues that the state office is having. She will inform Jesse and Jim if she believes a letter of support from the county court and CWMA is needed to assist moving this forward.

3. This year's fair is also coming fast. After much discussion around the CWMA/FSA theme, Lesley brought up a fire rehab theme and it was decided that we should focus on fire rehab, for obvious reasons. Some things we could put in our display include; wash stations, potential weeds coming from distant hay, county, district, state, and federal cost share opportunities, and how to test seed to ensure it is truly weed free. The SWCD will be setting up on the Sunday or Monday prior to fair, and the CWMA will set up on the Wednesday prior to fair. Jim will be sending out a schedule spreadsheet so people can sign up to run the booth in 2 hour rotations.

Additional Topics:

1. Several members of the CWMA sat down with Marty and decided that we should look at splitting out the administration between the SWCD and the CWMA. The logic behind this was that the CWMA does most of the reporting and monitoring while the SWCD only really handles the financial side. With complete understanding of how important both sides are to the process. The decision to split the 10% administration we typically get from grants and BLM agreements was solely based on the amount of time Marty and Jim spends actually doing the administration. It was decided to give the SWCD 4% and give the CWMA 6% on a trial basis. There is no history for us to use on determining how much time both members spend on these, so a trial was the best method we could come up with. After a couple grants/agreements run through, we will evaluate the 4%/6% split.

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

The next meeting will be on June 15, at 10:00 in the Court House Basement Conference room.

