

Harney County CWMA

H.C. Court House Basement Meeting Room

December 13, 2012 @ 10:00

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 10:08 am. Those in attendance were Kenton Dick & Jody Richards-Burns Paiute Tribe, Karen Moon-Water Shed Council, Lesley Richman-BLM, Jesse Barnes-Harney County, Zola Ryan-NRCS, Cyndee Hill-NRCS, Marty Goold-SWCD, and Jim Campbell-CWMA

November 1, 2012 minutes were approved without any needed revisions. Motions to approve made by Lesley and seconded by Karen.

CWMA Financials:

1. A motion was made to make final payment out of the CWMA general funds to Wilbur-Ellis for the 2012 CWMA projects herbicide. Once Marty receives the final payments from the OSWB, she will reimburse the CWMA general funds. Jesse motioned it and Lesley seconded.
2. Financials were approved with a motion from Jesse and seconded by Lesley:

Old Business:

1. Landowner TACA recap meetings
 - a. Not having a copy of this year's CPS Pine Belt Contract was a big issue with almost every land owner. The CWMA will require this going forward, if we use CPS for future TACA applications.
 - b. Another issue was unclear roles and responsibilities. The CWMA needs to develop these roles and responsibilities prior to another TACA application project. These R&R's need to define what each party's role is in the project and who is responsible for what actions prior, during, and after each project. Jim will develop a draft of these R&R's and send it to Zola for review.

- c. Need to use the information we have compiled and write up project assessments for this year's TACA projects contractors. Jim will write up a draft and work with Lesley to get these developed and sent out to the contractors.
- 2. 2012 OSWB grant update, reporting status
 - a. All 2012 OSWB grant reports have been completed and accepted by the OSWB and OWEB. We are now just awaiting final payment checks.

New Business:

- 1. CWMA fiscal agent discussion
 - a. The CWMA has decided to stay with the Harney SWCD as our fiscal agent.
 - b. Need to make modifications to both the MOA and MOU to ensure clarity on role and responsibilities as well as clarifying the administration dollars split between the SWCD and CWMA on all grant/agreements that allow for admin to be pulled.
 - c. Jim will re-write these documents again and send them out for approval to all.
- 2. 2013 Happy Valley grant update
 - a. This project was brought to the CWMA by the Harney County Weed Board, and is being driven by Dan Otley, a weed board member.
 - b. Jesse and Jim had a meeting at the Diamond school with all the landowners involved in this project.
 - c. Landowners identified their weed infestations on an overview map. We also discussed treatment timings and discovered that we will need to perform both a spring treatment as well as a fall treatment.
 - d. Landowners all want to utilize an aerial applicator were they can.
 - e. Grant application was drafted from the information we gathered at this meeting and was submitted to the OSWB.
- 3. Stinking Water Grant
 - a. This is another Harney County Weed Board driven project, namely Carol Dunten.
 - b. This project focuses on the riparian zone along the creek
 - c. This project starts at the Lamb Ranch reservoir and ends where it dumps into the Malhuer River.
 - d. BLM managed land does make up a portion of this riparian zone, and we will have to coordinate this grant efforts with the SWAT team's efforts.
- 4. Poison Creek OSWB grant
 - a. There has been a change of land ownership in this project area that is positive for the success of this Spotted Knapweed project.
 - b. This is a joint CWMA/County project
 - i. The CWMA will perform the reporting and coordinating duties
 - ii. The county will perform the treatments using the SWAT team to assist.

5. South-End Follow-up Project
 - a. After several phone conversations with the participants of last year's grant, the CWMA has decided to apply for a follow-up grant in this area.
 - b. There was a lot of energy around continued treatments in the project area, and with the Henricks getting their OWEB grant this year, we thought it was a good fit for a CWMA/OSWB project.
6. Community Meeting in Riley
 - a. The NRCS and the Harney SCWD are planning an outreach community meeting in the Riley area.
 - b. The meeting will cover a broad subject base, but weed management is going to be a part of it and the CWMA was asked to support this effort.
 - c. The meeting will be in late January or early February at the Riley School.
 - d. The CWMA coordinator needs to engage the DSL, Randy Weist, and make sure he is kept up to speed as this meeting's timeline and agenda is developed.
7. CWMA 2013 AOP
 - a. Jim is going to be developing an interactive CWMA AOP.
 - b. The AOP needs to provide CWMA members with options and multiple places that they can engage in the CWMA's needs and budgeted functions
 - c. Jim will be developing the 2013 CWMA AOP and get a draft sent out for review.
 - d. The CWMA needs to keep in mind that if the AOP gets to big, it may need to tap into others for help, or see if there is an option to hire seasonal help.

Additional Topics:

- The CWMA has been asked by the local Tribe to help them develop an education and outreach meeting that is focused on tribal land needs. Jim will be working with Jody on this and get this on the CWMA AOP for 2013. There might be funding options that the Tribe can attain, and the CWMA can assist in pulling the landowners in that are adjacent to the Tribe.

With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm. The next CWMA will be on January 23rd at 10:00 in the basement of the Harney County Court House.

