

**Harney County CWMA**  
H.C. Court House Basement Meeting Room  
March 1, 2012 @10:00 am  
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 10:05 am. Those in attendance were Zola Ryan-NRCS, Lesley Richman-BLM, Karen Moon-HC Watershed Council, Jesse Barnes-HC Weed Control, Dustin Johnson-OSU Extension, Bonnie Rasmussen-ODA, JR-ODOT and Jim Campbell-CWMA.

After reviewing the minutes from January, Lesley motion to approve the minutes, Karen seconded, all in favor.

**CWMA Financials:**

1. The new financial format was introduced to the group this meeting. the new format was very well accepted by the group.
2. Zola did find one error with the Coordinator Costs page. These errors were corrected directly after the meeting and I have emailed out the corrected financials.
3. The CWMA financials were approved with the correction to be made.

**Old Business:**

1. The year-end wrap-up, "2011 Season Report" was emailed out to the members of the Harney County CWMA on March 1, 2012.
2. The CWMA Coordinator will make sure that the absentee members get a copy of this report and any input they have for it.
3. Harney County CWMA has received three of the four ODA and S&P grants they applied for.
  - a. We got the Southend and Otis Valley ODA grant for 2012
  - b. We got the Riley area S&P grant for 2012
  - c. We did not receive the Poison Creek S&P grant
4. Harney County also received its African Rue ODA grant again this year.
5. Jim will email out the approved ODA and S&P grants to the CWMA members for their information.
6. The Henricks OWEB grant did not make the first cut. Karen Moon reported that if the CWMA and maybe the county wrote a support letter, she could gain approval for this OWEB grant.
  - a. Jesse and I, with Dustin's input, wrote the CWMA support letter on March 1<sup>st</sup> and sent it to Karen and Harney County.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Our CWMA is preparing for a "Hay Growers" targeted weed training class to be held on March 28, from 1:00 to 4:00.

- a. We have lined up 4 speakers and we are working on getting one more for this class.
  - b. The Certified “Weed Free” hay topic was added at the meeting and Bonnie is going to attempt to line up a speaker for this topic.
  - c. I have emailed out the schedule for this class to the CWMA members.
  - d. Dustin is going to help us get the word out by using his contact at the Farm Bureau.
  - e. The CWMA is also going to run radio and newspaper advertisement through public service announcements to keep the cost down.
2. The beginning of our CWMA Annual Operating Plan was discussed and projects with dates were filled in. A copy of our first draft will be emailed out to the members of the CWMA for review. Completion of this will be done at our next CWMA meeting once the funding picture is more clear.
  3. The OWEB Technical Assistance/Restoration funding opportunity was discussed and after speaking to Karen Linedecker, it looks like we need to move towards the Restoration side to gain the funding we need for future project development.
    - a. After talking to Karen Linedecker it became clear that we needed to develop a long range plan for our CWMA.
    - b. A subcommittee was the option we choose to address this need.
    - c. The members of our subcommittee are:
      - i. Jesse Barnes
      - ii. Zola Ryan
      - iii. Lesley Richman
      - iv. Bonnie Rasmussen
      - v. Jim Campbell
    - d. This subcommittee will develop a rough draft long range plan that will be presented to the whole group for discussion and revision.

#### Additional Topics:

1. Lesley announced that the BLM will be able to begin treating Medusahead in 2012 on the lands they manage. She then presented a map and treatment schedule to the group. The treatment schedule went out several years and has the ability to be flexible if need be.
  - a. Anyone interested in seeing this information please contact Lesley at the Burns BLM office.

With no further topics the meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm. With this meeting getting postponed and the need for our “long range planning” subcommittee to meet prior to the next meeting, I propose we hold our next CWMA meeting on **March 22, 2012 at 10:00 in the Extension Service Conference Room** downstairs in the court house. I will be working on getting a date for the subcommittee during the next couple of weeks.

