

Harney County CWMA

H.C. Court House Basement Meeting Room

March 22, 2012 @ 10:00

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 10:05 am. Those in attendance were Jesse Barnes-HC Weed Control, Joe Lee-USFS, Dustin Johnson-OSU Extension, Bonnie Rasmussen-ODA, Randy Wiest-DSL, and Jim Campbell-CWMA

March 1st minutes were approved without any needed revisions. Motioned to approve made by Dustin and seconded by Jesse.

CWMA Financials:

1. The financials were reviewed and the new format made this review much smoother and everyone seemed to follow along with ease.
2. Jesse and my back coordinator pay cleared yesterday afternoon and due its proximity to the meeting, I did not include the update in this month's financials. I will add this and these transactions will close all of calendar year 2011's CWMA projects because all we had left to pay on them was the coordinator costs.

Old Business:

1. The "Hay Growers" class is coming up this Wednesday, March 28. The class will begin at 1:00 and run until about 4:30. The class will be held in the Court House Basement Conference room.
 - a. Dustin asked if the CWMA could assist OSU Extension with Mylen Bohle's mileage from Prineville.
 - i. Jesse motioned that the CWMA would split the cost (\$72) with OSU and Dustin seconded it.

- b. Bonnie has agreed to cover the weed free hay subject in the class
 - c. Snacks will be provided by Wilbur-Ellis and juice, water, and coffee will be provided by the CWMA.
 - d. Hope all can attend the class to answer any agency specific questions at the end of the class
 - e. We did receive a response from ODA on credits for this class, and they have given us 2. I will put together the sign in sheet and make it available at the end of the class.
2. Jim will be working with Marty on an OWEB Technical Assistance grant to help supplement the coordinator wages at the end of 2012 and the first of 2013.

New Business:

1. CWMA Long Range Plan
 - a. After some discussion, the group felt that zones 2, 3, and 5 on the Harney County Weed Board map, should be our priority zones. It is believed that these zones have the largest issues and these zones make up the highly used and traveled areas in the county.
 - b. Harney County is still focused on its right of ways throughout the county.
 - i. The county is also going to be working with the airport to assist it with much needed weed control.
 - ii. The county also received an ODA grant to continue its work on the African Rue issue.
 - c. The Department of State Lands is going to be focusing its efforts on their "Stock Aid" Blocks. The DSL is going to provide the CWMA a map of the locations they will be working on so the CWMA can look at neighbors it can attempt to draw into the DSL efforts.
 - d. The DSL has also made a verbal commitment to assist the CWMA in the Riley area when we begin treatment of Medusahead. The DSL has a 500-acre section in the middle of the area we are looking at treating.
 - e. Randy Wiest also stated that the DSL would be willing to assist the CWMA by attempting to attain funding to treat additional areas they manage if they are in an area we have a project planned.
2. Joe Lee was present at the meeting representing the USFS. Joe stated that USFS funding for weed control was very limited and that he would love to help the CWMA if he was able.
 - a. After much discussion it was decided to concentrate on the USFS boundaries where the CWMA could (and has) attained grant money.

- b. The CWMA will also look at attaining private grant money to assist the USFS within its boundaries.
 - i. Options such as RMEF, OHA, and the Mule Deer Foundation were a few that were discussed for possible use for this problem.
- c. The USFS is teaming up with Tribal Lands on a cooperative project this year.
- 3. Jim will take the information from this discussion and use it to make a new draft version of the CWMA long-range plan.
- 4. Jim will also be contacting the other agency members to see what their future plans are and using that information to further the development of our long-range plan.
- 5. The “Riley Outreach” is something that the CWMA believes would help to get more active involvement from the landowners in the Riley area.
 - a. The CWMA has received an S&P grant to perform a comprehensive weed inventory in the Riley are. It is believed that using the information we discover from this inventory to inform the landowners of their issues, we can gain more involvement from the landowners for this outreach.
 - b. The CWMA wants to show these landowners the support they have from the agencies that manage land in the area. In addition, the CWMA wants to show the landowners that there is financial assistance/cost share available from the NRCS, ODA, OWEB, and possible private grantees.
 - c. The CWMA believes we need to take a broad range approach at the Riley area problem. The CWMA will use the S&P inventory to design a multipronged approach with several financial aid/cost share options depending on the weed type and location.
 - d. Land management plans need to be developed by the landowners to ensure our efforts, and money are not wasted. The CWMA will be discussing samples of management plans at the outreach.

Additional Topics:

- 1. Jesse informed the group of a couple Weed Board policy changes.
 - a. The Harney County Weed Board has agreed to revamp its enforcement policy. From now on, it will take only one complaint of an A&B weed, to trigger possible enforcement on a landowner that is in violation of the County Weed Ordinance.
 - b. In addition, any landowner that is unwilling to participate in weed control efforts within a project area will be in violation of the weed control ordinance no matter the weed classification.
 - i. Landowners do not need to be a part of the project, but they do have to make an honest effort to control their borders in an active project area.
 - c. The Weed Board also re-certified the counties weed list with no changes.

2. Jesse is making another request to the county court for certified material sites.
 - a. These sites do not need to be certified weed free, but they must be inspected and any discovered weeds will be noted and this information will be used to determine whether the material can be used on a project-by-project basis.
3. The annual Pesticide Recertification class will be held on March 29 from 9am to about 2pm. The class will be held in the Courthouse Basement Conference room.
4. From now on, the CWMA will provide a conference call option for its members that have to travel long distances or that cannot attend the meeting in person. This is an effort to increase the CWMA active membership. At this point, the county has agreed to pick up the cost for this option. If any CWMA members wish to attain the call in number please get a hold of Jim Campbell.

With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56

The next meeting will be on April 19, at 10:00 in the Court House Basement Conference room.