

Harney County CWMA

H.C. Court House Basement Meeting Room

May 17th, 2012 @ 10:00

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 10:05 am. Those in attendance were Bonnie Rasmussen-ODA, Karen Moon-Water Shed Council, Lesley Richman-BLM, and Jim Campbell-CWMA

April 19th minutes were approved without any needed revisions. Motioned to approve made by Lesley and seconded by Karen.

CWMA Financials:

1. Lesley asked that we zero the BLM TACA account by purchasing Plateau.
2. It was decided that Jim should include a "date" footer on all future financials to help everyone know what month the financials were prepared.

Old Business:

1. BLM/CWMA TACA Monitoring Project
The proposal is done and the budget for this project is also complete. The final budget came to just under \$20,000.00, most of this for the development of the "camera on a stick" methods and protocols. It was decided that we would use the BLM TACA treatment sites to pilot this method. The principal of this method is to use GPS referenced photographs to illustrate the before and after of Medusahead treatments.
2. Harney County Long Range Plan
Jim and Dustin have been working on the CWMA Long Range Plan and will be sending it out prior to next month's meeting. Everyone needs to look at it so we can discuss it during the next CWMA meeting.

New Business:

1. Free Spray Day:

Jim has called the radio station and they will start advertising the free spray day on the 21st of May. The radio advertising will increase the week prior to the event to help get the work out. Jim will also run adds in the newspaper 2 weeks prior to the event. It was decided that Jesse and Ernie would attend the whole free spray day event with Lesley helping out as much as she can. The SWAT crew will also help fill spray bottles and put the labels on. Our booth will open on noon Friday, and go until 5PM. We will be back out there at 9AM Saturday and go until we run out of chemical or 3PM.

2. City Wide Weed Wipe Out

Mike Martin from John Day got the bid to spray the lots for people that sign up. It was decided that would just charge the people \$30 directly and that the CWMA will only help with the coordination of the event to include making maps for Mike. Jim will put the sign-up sheet in the Weed Wagon so we can have it at the Free Spray Day for those who want to sign-up for the City Wide Weed Wipe Out there. It was decided to keep the advertising for this event separate from the Free Spray Day to minimize confusion.

3. Jim will contact Big R and attempt to get them to carry the herbicide we going to be using at the Free Spray Day. In the past people have loved the products we offer there, but cannot buy them locally. We are going to make sure they can get more if they want it.

4. After some discussion it was decided that we need to use our local weed board to bring the excited or at least interested people in their areas, to our attention for future projects. Dan Otley did mention at the last weed board meeting that there was a lot of energy in the Happy Valley area around treating Pepperweed and Scotch/Canada Thistles. Jim Will be working with him to dust off the old "Not So Happy Valley" OWEB grant that Jesse did a couple years age. This grant was not approved by OWEB, so we are thinking about running it through the OSWB and seeing if we can get it funded.

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.