

Harney County CWMA

H.C. Court House Basement Meeting Room

November 1st, 2012 @ 10:00

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 10:01 am. Those in attendance were Dustin Johnson-OSU Extension, Kenton Dick-Burns Paiute Tribe, Karen Moon-Water Shed Council, Lesley Richman-BLM, Jesse Barnes-Harney County, Zola Ryan-NRCS, Cyndee Hill-NRCS, and Jim Campbell-CWMA

August 19th minutes were approved without any needed revisions. Motioned to approve made by Dustin and seconded by Kenton.

CWMA Financials:

1. Financials were approved with a motion from Jesse and seconded by Lessley:

Old Business:

1. The CWMA/SWCD 2012 fair booth took 1st place and also received judges choice.
 - a. The people that ran the booth this year felt the response and interest in our booth was alright, but they were unsure how much of the booths information was received.
 - b. Dustin did get the Roaring Springs Ranch to sign up for the OSU extension's monitoring workshop.
2. Jim updated the group on the progress of the 2012 OSWB and S&P grants.
 - a. The participants of the OSWB grants have treated their properties and Jim has submitted the interim reports for these grants.
 - b. The CWMA received an extension on the OSWB grants due to the fires in the southend.
 - c. Jim is working on the OSWB grants final reports and will have them submitted by the end of November prior to their due date.

- d. The Riley area S&P grant is completed and Jim has submitted both the interim and final reports for this project.
 - i. Zola is using the information from grant to bolster the NRCS's efforts with Medusahead control on private lands in this area.

New Business:

1. The 2013 TACA project is in the books with many, many improvements needed that the CWMA captured during and/or directly after the close of the project. Jim typed up a copy of these needed improvements and the CWMA is going to use this for improvement efforts going forward. Jim emailed a copy of this to all CWMA members as well.
2. The CWMA has submitted an OWEB Technical Assistance grant for 2013. This grant was designed to assist the CWMA with funding for our upcoming fire rehab on private lands effort, and for the upcoming and growing TACA efforts throughout the county.
 - a. Lesley is looking for an option to aerial inventory many of the large TACA infestations. Ground inventorying these tracts of land is not really practical.
 - b. The NRCS is receiving funding for reseeding private lands within the 2012 fire boundaries. The NRCS is looking at coordinating this reseeding effort within the CWMA and will try to use this option prior to weed control efforts where needed.
3. The CWMA is working on 2013 OSWB grants. The CWMA agreed to pursue the following grants:
 - a. Expand the 2012 Otis valley grant area to include the Pine Creek drainage. The weeds we will be targeting are, Pepperweed, Scotch Thistle, and Whitetop.
 - b. Re-submit the Happy Grant now that we have all the landowners in this area onboard. Jim and Jesse have set up a meeting in Diamond with the landowners to gather the needed information to submit this grant.
4. To assist with upcoming efforts the CWMA asked each member attending this meeting to line out what their 2013 plans are. The following is the planned projects by member:
 - a. Watershed Council did receive the Henricks OWEB grant and will be beginning to work on this in 2013.
 - b. NRCS is going to be focusing its TACA efforts in the Riley area for 2013 and continue to work with the landowners in the Drewsey to Diamond areas that have years left on their EQIP agreements.
 - c. OSU Extension is going to be working with Tom Sharp, Roaring Springs Ranch, and Tree Top Ranch with on ground site specific plans.

- d. The Burns Piute Tribe will be performing a reservation wide inventory as well as inventories on their allotments. They will also be continuing their efforts on African rue.
- e. ODF&W will be performing their Pepperweed treatments in the Riverside area.
- f. The BLM will move forward with their massive TACA treatments as well as treatment plans within the Holloway and Miller fire boundaries. These fire encompass about 200,000 acres.

Additional Topics:

- The CWMA sees the need to do a post TACA treatment meeting with all the landowners involved in the project. The CWMA also wants to begin to reach out to other landowners in the treatment areas by inviting them to this 'debrief' meeting. Jim will schedule two meeting, one in Crane and one in Drewsey. The CWMA will present the landowners with their treatment maps along with a copy of their spray logs from CPS. The CWMA will also provide a copy of the 'needs work', and 'what worked' lists.

With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm

The next meeting will be on December 14, at 10:00 in the Court House Basement Conference room.