

Harney County CWMA

H.C. Court House Basement Meeting Room

April 18, @ 9:00

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 9:06 am. Those in attendance were Lesley Richman-BLM, Jesse Barnes-Harney County, Kyle Heinrick-Burns Paiute Tribe, Karen Moon-Harney Watershed, Zola Ryan-NRCS, and Jim Campbell-CWMA

March 21, 2013 minutes were approved without any needed revisions. Motioned to approve made by Kyle and seconded by Jesse.

CWMA Financials:

1. Financials were approved with no corrections needed

Old Business:

1. The Harney County CWMA has 3 workshops slated for this spring and summer.
 - a. 2013 Hay Growers Workshop
 - i. On March 25th from 1:30 to 4:30 in the courthouse basement conference room.
 - b. Paiute Tribe's Spring Carnival Outreach
 - i. This is a 2 part workshop/event
 1. On May 15th from 4:30 to 6:00 Jesse and Jim will work with Kyle to put on a fun weed educational event for the tribes youth.
 2. On May 16th from 5:30 to 7:00 the CWMA will have a tribal focused 'free spray day' booth at this spring fair. The CWMA will also have weed ID information targeted for known invaders on tribal and adjacent lands.
 3. The CWMA will also have a goat 'petting' area and provide IPM education using these animals.
 - c. Monitoring Workshop
 - i. Introduce the 'camera on a stick' monitoring methodology.

- ii. Educate the attendees on currently used range land monitoring and why this is important to demonstrate change over long periods of time.
- iii. Field trip to one of Harney Counties African Rue sites east of town.

New Business:

- 1) The Community Garden has reached out to the CWMA for help on what to do with sections of the garden that are not currently being used but need 'natural' weed control. After much discussion, the CWMA unanimously decided that there is not enough structure or vision at the garden, and this did not fit into our goals and mission as a group. If the garden does need help/advise on certain aspects of the garden, the CWMA would be more than willing to assist though.
- 2) The CWMA has about \$5,000 left over from last year's teacher's workshops funds. The homeschool group has approached Jesse and shown interest in using this curriculum for their children. This seems like a good place to use it, but we still need someone qualified to teach the parents of these kids. Bonnie Heinz would be a good person to do this, but need to contact her and see if she interested or even still living here. Jim will contact Mrs. Baily from the middle school and see if she has interest in this program.

Additional Topics:

- Zola informed the group that she was preemptively budgeting funds for the CWMA's assistance on the EQIP Medusahead project. She said that there is no guarantee she can get this money, but if there is funds available this move allows her to access these funds.
- Lesley and Jim met with the BPA and their contractor to discuss the upcoming project they have on the transmission line that runs thorough known Medusahead infestations. After driving the line and showing them the issue, we felt they understood our concern and have committed to washing off their equipment before it left the line and/or out of one patch to uninfected areas. The contractor also commented to power washing all his equipment off at Alison's before leaving town.
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With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 am. There is currently no May meeting scheduled as the season will be ramping up during that month. We might have one if any members feel there is a need.

