

## **Harney County CWMA**

### **H.C. Court House Basement Meeting Room**

**November 20, 2014 @1:00pm**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was brought to order at 1:02 am. Those in attendance were Lesley Richman- BLM, Zola Ryan- NRCS, Jim Campbell-Harney County, Dustin Johnson- OSU, Karen Moon- Watershed council, Marty Suter-Goold-SWCD and Jess Winick-Refuge, Ed Sparks.

May 15, 2014 minutes were approved without any needed revisions. Motioned to approve minutes made by Jim and seconded by Zola.

#### **CWMA Financials:**

1. Financials were approved with the motion to approve made by Jess and seconded by Dustin

#### **Old Business:**

1. The group discussed the very large 2014 Medusahead project that we completed in the early fall. It was decided that we needed to let the public know about the efforts and accomplishments our CWMA had during the 2014 Medusahead spray season.

#### **New Business:**

1. The CWMA made an effort to fill its vacant Coordinator position. The interview team was comprised of Lesley Richman, Cyndee Hill, and Jim Campbell. We interviewed 5 people and as a group decided that only 3 had some of the qualifications we needed. After some discussion we decided to make an offer to the candidate we felt best about. That person decided to not take the job though. We then took the weekend to think about which of the remaining 2 candidates we should choose. One person had weak computer skills and the other was VERY qualified and not real grounded in Harney County. We decided on the later of the two and he only worked for us for 1.5 days.

With no candidates left with the basic qualifications (in our opinion) we are reposting the opening and will interview a new pool of candidates.

2. Marty gave the group an update on Harney County CCAA's they have been involved in developing. Harney County does have a fully functioning CCAA program for private landowners to help them with the impending Sage Grouse battle that could threaten their livelihoods. These CCAA's have privacy clauses very similar to the NRCS's EQIP program. Funding has been requested to perform the actions needed for the landowners to fulfil the requirements of the CCAA's.
  
3. The CWMA has not moved forward on the Beaver Tables portion of our long term Medusahead strategy. The SWCD's CCAA program and the devastating fires in this area have forced us to wait until we gather more information before we move ahead. We will revisit this in the spring of 2015. The CWMA is still looking at putting together an OWEB or OSWB grant to perform Medusahead inventories in this portion of our county.

Because the meeting was running long and because we still did not have a Coordinator, the group decided to table the remaining agenda items until our January meeting. Our new Coordinator needs to be a part of these discussions.

**With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm. The next CWMA meeting will be held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Court House conference room.**