

Harney County CWMA

H.C. SWCD Office Conference Room

November 12, 2015 @1:00pm

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 1:00 pm. Those in attendance were:

Brandyn Six – Tribe	Karen Moon- Watershed Council
Cindy Clark-SWCD	Lesley Richman- BLM
Cyndee Hill - NRCS	Marty Suter Goold-SWCD
Jim Campbell- Harney County	Steph Bonson- CWMA Coordinator
Joe Lee- FS	Zola Ryan - NRCS

October 24, 2015 minutes were approved without any needed revisions. Motion to approve minutes made by Jim and seconded by Lesley.

CWMA Financials:

1. The paperwork was submitted & approved to close the old BLM agreement. There were 399.35 in funds leftover in the agreement, Lesley said that it will be going back to the BLM. It is not available to use in the new agreement. Jim motioned to close the old BLM agreement and Lesley seconded it. Happy Valley Wrap up will be closing soon. We are waiting on a letter from Randy to move the DSL money 680.00. We now have a balance forward for general funds. Talked about needing scanned signed/dated vouchers and the financials in an Excel format. The financials were approved, motioned by Brandyn and seconded by Zola.

Old Business:

1. None.

New Business:

1. The CWMA Memorandum of Understanding and the Memorandum of Agreement need to be updated. The most current version of the MOU is missing some signatures. A sub-committee was voted for, Marty and Steph will be the members. They will review the documents and make changes to be approved by the CWMA board.

2. There will be no December CWMA meeting. The next meeting will be January 21st, 1pm at the SWCD office.
3. Marty presented an overview of the FIP Initiative Focus Areas. There are 3 counties, Lake, Harney and Malheur that will be splitting \$5 million, spread out over 3 bienniums or 6 years. SWCD and BLM working in coordinated efforts to protect one another's investments.
4. The group discussed "What the CWMA could do for them". In general the CWMA coordinator will be putting together a "year in review" report, work on Outreach & Website ideas.

Marty would like the coordinator to help with inventory, monitoring and model filming projects. Currently the SWCD has 6 plans for sure, that includes 250,000 approximate acres.

Jim has talked with Randy Wiest at Oregon State, he is helping the county with a contract for hiring applicators.

Cyndee says that the NRCS will be focused on the Beaver Tables/Stinkingwater/Riverside area plans, SGI annual grasses.

Brandyn would like the coordinator to continue to help with Rush Skeleton spray project.

Joe said that the Forest Service has NEPA & a EIS done. Limited spot treatments and road treatments are possible. Can use Milestone, but no Tordon. Too early to discuss what the CWMA can do, but talks with Roush, will help determine future projects. He is looking for a location to store herbicide/chemical. Brandyn said that they should have a spot that Joe could use for storage.

Karen said that the Watershed has no needs from the CWMA right now.

5. Brandyn gave us an update on the Rush Skeleton weed project near Juntura. Despite the spraying efforts there, the weed is spreading quickly along the river. Gary Page is supplying chemical. They are looking into using signs at a focus spot in the area.
6. Marty let everyone know that Malheur Watershed is hosting a community meeting in Drewsey, on January 21st, in the evening.

With no further items to discuss, Zola motioned and Jim seconded and the Meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm. The next CWMA meeting will be held on January 21st, at 1:00 pm at the SWCD conference room.