

Harney County CWMA

H.C. Court House Basement Meeting Room

April 16th,, 2015 @1:00pm

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 1:03 am. Those in attendance were:

Brandyn Six – Tribe

Jim Campbell-Harney County

Cyndee Hill – NRCS

Lesley Richman-BLM

Dustin Johnson- OSU

Steph Bonson – CWMA Coordinator

February 26, 2015 minutes were approved without any needed revisions. Motion to approve minutes made by Jim and seconded by Dustin.

CWMA Financials:

1. Jim & Steph talked about the state of the financials, as they needed much work to get back up to current. The coordinator job has been vacant for several months and there were issues that needed addressed to get them in order. Jim & Steph worked with Marty and Cindy at the SWCD to get this work done. Marty was unable to attend the meeting, but Jim & Steph went over the changes that were made. There were four 2013/2014 accounts that were closed, including; 2013 Happy Valley account, 2013 Southern Alvord account, 2013 Poison Creek account and 2014 Happy Valley account. All of these old grants were gone through, updated and closed out. In all cases, the work had been done and they just needed the reimbursement funds to be transferred to General Funds. The DSL account had a balance of \$680 which has long been on the books. Jim said that Randy was aware of it and he motioned that the balance be transferred to General Funds. This is money that is annually earmarked for project work for the CWMA. Lesley seconded the motion. Jim went over the Project Budget and suggested that it be used for it's original purpose as a snap shot of the CWMA projects and budget. It was agreed to change the name to AOP snapshot. It was also suggested that we make notes at the bottom of each financial account as to the status of work done and money used etc. There was a motion made by Jim and seconded by Dustin for the county to invoice the CWMA for labor owed fiscal year to date, all approved. Jim also suggested that Admin for CWMA & SWCD not be pulled until June, Fiscal -year -end for each account. In the case of multiple year accounts such as the BLM agreements have Admin pulled at the same time annually. Also, there is a need to separate the BLM account and the General Funds account, it will help balance each account more efficiently. There is currently a difference of \$4,340.29 between what the BLM shows we have drawn,\$62,486.00 and what the CWMA shows we have drawn, 58,145.71. This money needs to be spent as soon as possible.

Old Business:

1. Group talked at length about the upcoming Beaver Tables Meeting and Medusahead Landowners meeting. There will be 2 separate meetings the 1st will be the Beavers Table meeting to take place at the Crane Café/Tavern, on May 12th at 5:30pm. The Medusahead Landowners meeting will also be at the Crane Café/Tavern, but will be the next day, May 13th at 5:00pm. Discussion on the use of CPS for coordinating projects for BLM and for private landowners. Project size has increased dramatically for the BLM, creating a need for a coordinating contractor for assets & support. This is increasing the cost of the overall project. There is concern that these costs will not be within the private land owners budget. These concerns will be addressed at the meeting. There will be an informal presentation of facts about the Beaver Tables project at that meeting. A rough list of ideas on what to present to the land owners is in progress. There was talk about combining the Crane chapter of the FFA, with the Medusahead land owner meeting, and whether this was good timing. The group is working on finding out if this will be possible. There will be a meeting on Monday, May 11th, at 1:00 pm to discuss the meeting agenda further. Also, the date was set for the Free spray day, for May 30th. We need to contact Big R and see if this date will work.

With no further items to discuss, Dustin made the motion to adjourn the meeting and it was 2nded by Jim. Meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm. The next CWMA meeting will be held on May 28th, at 1:00 pm in the Court House conference room.