

Harney County CWMA

H.C. Court House Basement Meeting Room

September 24, 2015 @1:00pm

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 1:13 pm. Those in attendance were:

Cyndee Hill – NRCS via phone

Steph Bonson - CWMA Coordinator

Lesley Richman- BLM

June 18, 2015 minutes were approved without any needed revisions. Motion to approve minutes made by Leslie and seconded by Cyndee.

CWMA Financials:

1. Financials were discussed. The Old BLM agreement closed in August and the new one has been approved. Approving the financials was tabled until next meeting.

Old Business:

1. None.

New Business:

1. Discussed the projects for next year, and the grants that need to be written for this work. Steph did a helicopter inventory of the Beaver Tables, 2nd phase area Crane/Stinkingwater and polygons in the Riverside area. Those polygons included Opie, Signor, Ott, Elder & Venelle. The SWAT crew has just finished up ground-truthing the aerial inventory. The preliminary results are that the aerial inventory was pretty accurate. There were small some modifications that were made. The results from the SWAT ground-truthing have not been tallied yet. The total acres of Medusahead for the areas inventoried are going to be over 43,000 acres. This will mean that we are going to need to do the treatments in phases. Lesley is going to have Linda do a map of Medusahead infestation by Landowner. We then need to write an OWEB grant for landowners that do not qualify for EQIP or other funding pools, such as RCPP etc. The process for writing grants and NRCS funding is time sensitive. Therefore, it was decided that a meeting will be conducted to get the details of this project outlined, early next week.
2. The 2015 Medusahead treatments completed this year were 8,354 acres of private and state lands, and 47,000 acres of BLM acres. It was decided that an article in the local paper about this project work would be a good idea.

3. The DEQ will be conducting a free household waste, pesticide and business collection event at the Burns High School on Oct 3rd.
4. It was decided that a weed information kiosk should be set up at the Hunter Booth. May have to have others fill the display.
5. We will look into getting weed education information, such as cleaning ATV's etc. in the Oregon Hunting Synopsis for next year. Contact ODFW.
6. The Sage grouse was not listed, the NRCS will not know the funding ramifications until the 1st of the year.

With no further items to discuss, the Meeting was adjourned at 1:52pm. The next CWMA meeting will be held on October 22th, at 1:00 pm at the Court House conference room.