

Harney County CWMA

H.C. Court House Basement Meeting Room

February 21st , 2018 @ 11:30am

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 11:42 am. Those in attendance were:

Cyndee Hill-NRCS

Marty Suter-Goold-Harney SWCD

Ed Sparks-Malheur Refuge

Steph Bonson- CWMA Coordinator

Jim Campbell-Harney County

Ty Cronin-BLM

Karen Moon-HC Watershed Council

Zola Ryan-NRCS

Lisa Foster-FS

January 21, 2018 minutes were approved without any needed revisions. Motion to approve minutes, made by Cyndee and seconded by Ty. Approved.

CWMA Financials:

1. Marty presented the financials. General funds balance was \$5,417.91 (including \$277.00 pending). There is \$3025.80 of SWCD focused investment funds that is being tracked separately, but is also part of the General funds balance. Which makes the General funds balance \$8,443.71. There was more discussion about how low the General funds were getting. Ty told us that the BLM cost share agreements have been cancelled. The CWMA's current BLM agreement will not be funded, but we will be able to use the leftover funds in the agreement. There will be \$6,906.45 available to the CWMA, with no additional paperwork. The Miller Canyon Grant has 1 more seeding project to complete and that grant will be ready to be closed out. This will make \$2,336.35 of project management & admin funds available. When all these funds become available the total will be \$15,025.99. Lisa & Ed said that they would look into possible funding for the CWMA. The board decided that the CWMA coordinator should continue to limit her hours. The coordinator should not use funds past \$1,500.00. Jim made a motion to approve the financial decisions and Ty seconded. The board approved the decisions.

Old Business:

1. There was discussion on the issues & concerns regarding the RCPP agreement. The CWMA board was given a list of possible issues concerning the RCPP agreement prior to the meeting. Zola stated that the issues the SWCD already has had, with their other RCPP agreement, would not be a problem this agreement. She said that she believed some of the problems were related to issues that have been

corrected. Zola said that there is still some confusion with the deliverables & match. The CWMA will not receive any technical assistance funds from the agreement. The CWMA will need to apply for technical assistance grant to support project management & administration for their part in this agreement. The CWMA coordinator's name will be removed from the agreement document between the SWCD and NRCS as she is not an employee of either agency. Also, since the CWMA coordinator hours are continuing to be cut back, the SWCD & NRCS will handle the work load for the negotiation process of the RCPP agreement. Marty will complete the deliverables for the upcoming deadline. After hearing the information presented, Ed Sparks motioned to go forward with the RCPP agreement and Ty Cronin seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

4. Steph is finishing preparations for the Hay growers class for 2018. There is still some scheduling to work out. The CWMA board decided not to advertise with the paper or radio. To reduce costs the Hay growers class will be advertised thru on-line avenues, such as Harney Classifieds, the Harney County website, and the Farm Bureau newsletter. CWMA board members will distribute flyers thru their email mailing lists. Steph will post flyers at businesses around the county. The hay growers class will be Steph's 1st priority, followed by Miller Canyon seeding project & wrap up, Beaver Tables & OWEB grant. An education outreach opportunity is also in the works.

With no further items to discuss, the Meeting was adjourned at 1:42pm. The new CWMA chairperson, Jim Campbell conducted the meeting. He said that we won't be scheduling a CWMA meeting for a few months.