

## Harney County CWMA

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

July 18<sup>th</sup> , 2017 @ 10:00am

### Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 10:12 am. Those in attendance were:

Bonnie Rasmussen-ODA

Randy Wiest-State Lands

Cyndee Hill-NRCS

Sarah Mundy-SWCD

Edwin Sparks- Refuge

Skyler Hickey-SWCD

Lisa Foster-USFS

Steph Bonson- CWMA Coordinator

Marty Suter-SWCD

Ty Cronin-BLM

**April 27, 2017 minutes were approved without any needed revisions. Motion to approve minutes, made by Ty and seconded by Skylar. Approved.**

### **CWMA Financials:**

1. Financials were reviewed, there are 4 accounts. There was an account created to track the SWCD funds. General funds currently has \$10,361.24. The BLM account has pending ASAP draws. Miller Canyon has reached the 10% holdback. Sky made a motion to approve the financials and Ty seconded. The board approved the financials.

### **Old Business:**

1. There was a Beaver Tables Grant tour on June 6<sup>th</sup>. 5 CWMA board members Dustin, Ty , Jim, Steph and Randy were on the tour. It seemed to go well and Karen Leindecker recently reported that the grant is in 5<sup>th</sup> position. Cyndee said that the NRCS has been funded for work in the Beaver Tables in 2018.
2. Steph presented a map which defined the Aerial Medusahead Inventory/Survey that she completed in June. Local fix-wing pilot, Nick Schott did a preliminary flight over both inventory areas, to assure that Medusahead was visible from the air. Local helicopter pilot, Bill Butler flew 2 inventories for the SWCD & BLM. The SWCD had 196,486 acres inventoried, of that 58,980 acres were found to be invested with Medusahead. The BLM had 56,082 acres inventoried, of that 22,363 acres were found to be invested with Medusahead. Landownership of the acreages was broken out with the BLM having 52,955 acres; Private acres 27,905 and State Lands 483 acres. BLM, NRCS & SWCD are doing treatments this year in these areas. The BLM has contracted with Nick Schott to do the treatments. Mike & Miles Morris will be doing spray work for them. The spray projects for the BLM will be starting the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August.

3. Ed Sparks said that there is a small medusahead infestation at the southern boundary of the refuge, according to his predecessor. Ty said that the BLM was planning to treat there, Frazier Field, in 2018, 2019 & 2020.
4. Jim Campbell previously reported that the County Weed Board had approached the CWMA board about possibly doing a project in the Diamond Valley for Pepperweed. Dan Otley put together a meeting with the local landowners. The meeting has been planned for July, 18<sup>th</sup>, 5pm, in Diamond at the school gym. Bonnie cautioned that there has been work done there in the past, and that it might be a good idea to research past grants in the area. She and Ed Sparks are planning to attend the meeting.
5. Steph has contacted Deschutes County about using their Weed Trailer for the Harney County Fair. They are letting us use their new trailer and all the weed products for our fair. Steph has contacted Rick Paul and he has offered to let us have a parking spot at the Fairgrounds. Marty said that the SWCD will keep and use the booth spot this year.
6. Ed Sparks has acquired a mobile weed washer for the Refuge. It is a 200 gallon hot water washer for vehicles. The refuge is doing some ground spraying this year.
7. Lisa reported that the SWAT crew was just finishing up spraying roads in the forest. They have been spraying for about a week.
8. There was some discussion about treatment options for Medusahead. There is talk that there is better results doing 8 ounces Plateau work, as opposed to 6 ounce. Also, work is being done in other areas, with Lambient with added success. At this point, most agencies cannot change due to their respective agency rules. But the group would like to address these issues, and see if changes could be made next season.
9. The RCPP grant that the CWMA applied for, has been approved to move on to the next phase. The full-proposal will be due in September. This will be a difficult time of year, to work on this complicated grant submission. Marty suggested that a subcommittee be formed, Marty & Cyndee volunteered to be on this sub-committee.

**With no further items to discuss, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:26am. The next CWMA meeting is scheduled on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am at the Harney County Court House Basement Meeting Room.**