

Harney County CWMA

H.C. Court House Basement Meeting Room

May 16, 2019, 2019

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 2:00 pm. Those in attendance were:

Jim Campbell-Harney County, Zola Ryan-NRCS, Ty Cronin- BLM, Bonnie Rasmussen- ODA, Calla Hagle-Tribe, Karen Moon- Watershed, Ed Sparks- MWR, Kenny McLean-Harney CWMA

Minutes: March and April minutes were approved by Zola and Seconded by Ed Sparks.

CWMA Financials: Financials were discussed briefly, but no new changes have been made since the February meeting.

Old Business:

1. Talked about the 2019 pesticide recertification class on April 25th 2019 from 9-2pm. There were two representatives from ODA that gave presentations, along with a Herbicide Rep from Wilber Ellis, Jim Campbell also gave a presentation in place of the Nutrien rep that ended up being sick. The Class was worth 4 Continued education credits. We had a turnout of around ten people. Overall the class a very successful.
2. We also talked about the Burns/Hines Nature trail project that the CWMA is helping with. We plan to install a Boot brush station at all three entrances to the Nature trail along with an informational kiosk to help educate the public on noxious weeds and how they spread. We also have a student/community weed pull that we would like to put together on the nature trail to teach people the effectiveness of pulling weeds compared to spraying them. The CWMA is currently waiting for the boot brush brackets to be made so we can proceed with the making of the kiosk and boot brush station. The CWMA has signed up with Play Clean Go to help with the signage and free spray day. Kenny received a quote for 30 T-shirts that will be given out to the participants of the weed pull, he then sent off a voucher to the SWCD for the deposit of the t-shirts.
3. We're going to be putting on our annual free spray day on the morning of June 1st. The CWMA spoke with Deschutes County and has permission to use their informational invasive species trailer to help educate the public. The CWMA put together a flyer for the free spray day that will be advertised on the Harney County radio a week prior to the event. Kenny also handed out flyers around town to help with advertising.

New Business:

1. SWCD management change- Marty from the SWCD has announced that she will be quitting as the SWCD manager, The group talked about what will happen with financials and the contracting side of her position. As of right now she may end up staying until June 30th. Carol Dunten will be taking care of the billing for the SWCD. We were also informed by Zola that the NRCS office is looking to hire a Clerical person to help in the office sometime around June, 1 2019. They are also hoping to have a new district manager in the office by the end of July.
2. Getting OWEB project put together and ready for contracts, met with two private landowners to go over acres that will be sprayed on their property.

With no further items to discuss, the Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm. The next meeting was scheduled for June 20th @ 2:00pm in the Courthouse basement conference room.