

Harney County CWMA

H.C. Court House Basement Meeting Room

January 15, 2020 1:00pm

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 1:00pm. Those in attendance were:

Zola Ryan-NRCS

Ty Cronin-BLM

Jim Campbell-Harney County

Ed Sparks-MWR

Kenny McLean- CWMA Coordinator

Linda Watts-BLM

Bill Drought-BLM

Minutes were approved without any needed revisions. Motion to approve minutes, made by Ed and seconded by Ty. Approved.

CWMA Financials:

1. Financials were discussed. There was an \$83.00 discrepancy in November but since then the Financials have been balanced. Now that Shannon is getting settled in I feel that we need to get together and go over my MOA/MOU so we can make sure were on the same page with our financials moving forward. Ty Motioned to approve financials and Zola seconded the motion.

Old Business:

1. The CWMA informed the group during our meeting that I have applied for an Oregon State Weed Board grant. The treatment application area will be out near Marshall Lane on the Johnson property. The Johnson Property has a high infestation of Med. Sage which we would like to gain some control over before it has the chance to escape through waterways located on the property. We have spoken with the landowners and possible new landowners about our intensions with this grant and we have full cooperation with them to continue forward with this project. We are currently waiting to hear back from OSWB to see if we have secured the grant.
2. In the past month the CWMA has been putting together an annual operating plan for 2020. We are still partnering with the USFS, MWR, BLM, and Harney County Weed control to help with certain projects or needs that the partners may have. The group talked about possibly putting together an OWEB grant in April, for funding help with the Beavertables Landowners. The AOP has been put together but I still need to put a budget together for each month of work that I have planned. This will be finished by next meeting.

New Business

3. Since our last meeting I have put together a 2019 CWMA year end report. I spoke to the group in detail about projects that the CWMA has been involved with for the past year. We had multiple education and outreach events. We held a pesticide recertification training, put on free spray day, had a community weed pull, attended the Harney County Fair, and had Mobile mapping training with the BLM and USFS. The CWMA also had two on the ground projects in the past year. The CWMA helped the BLM monitor TACA treatment sights, and also oversaw the spraying of TACA treatments of around 20,000 private acres. The CWMA assisted Harney County Weed Control with Right of way spraying on the Drewsey Market road, Anderson and Virginia Valley roads, Double O road and the Refuge headquarters road.
4. The CWMA is working with the Portland Audubon to put together an education and outreach grant for a 2020 community weed pull and puncturevine round-up contest. Last year we put together the community weed pull and we felt like we had a pretty good turnout for our first year. We are very excited to see the public get behind this and would like to see it grow even further. This year we want to have a puncturevine contest throughout Harney County. We have such a bad infestation of puncturevine in the county that we thought this would be a great way to get the public involved and to further educate them on these problematic weeds. The objective of the contest is to pull the most pounds of puncturevine. We will be offering prizes to the person or team who pulls the most. I am currently in the process of writing the grant and will be submitting it by January 30th.

With no further items to discuss, the Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm. The next CWMA meeting was scheduled for February 19th at 1:00 pm.