

Harney County CWMA

H.C. Court House Basement Meeting Room

February 19, 2020 1:00pm

Meeting Minutes

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

Zola Ryan-NRCS

Bonnie Rasmussen- ODA

Jim Campbell-Harney County

Ed Sparks-MWR

Kenny McLean- CWMA Coordinator

Linda Watts-BLM

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

CWMA Financials:

1. Financials were discussed. No new changes have been made to the financials. There is a pending transaction for CWMA coordinator labor cost in the amount of \$16,906 leaving a remaining balance in General funds of \$4,068. The CWMA is currently waiting on a funding amount from the BLM and MWR. Zola Motioned to approve financials and Ed seconded the motion.

Old Business:

1. In our January meeting the group went over the 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. The CWMA coordinator is going to send a digital copy of the year end report to everyone in the group.
2. The CWMA has been put 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 and the AOP budget has been corrected.

3. The group was also informed that the CWMA Coordinator has applied for an OISC Education and Outreach grant. We are unsure when we will know whether we have secured the grant or not. If the grant funding is secured the CWMA will use the funding to help with the Community weed pull and our first Harney county puncturevine contest.

New Business

1. The CWMA has been working on putting together the 2020 Harney CWMA pesticide recertification class. This is something that we put together every year for fellow applicators in Harney County. We are looking at having speakers from Nutrien, Wilber Ellis, ODA, and Harney County Weed control. The class is going to be held on April 23rd, from 8-2pm in the basement conference room of the Harney County Courthouse.
2. The CWMA is also getting ready for our annual Free Spray Day. I would like to have this event take place at the Big R parking lot again this year. I need to get approval from the manager of Big R. I am going to get ahold of Deschutes County Weed Control and see if we can use their invasive species education trailer to use as well. The event will take place the first weekend of June.
3. The group also talked about the CWMA doing work for the USFS this summer. The CWMA has secured funding from the USFS to do education walk and talks, inventories and weed treatments on their hiking trails. The CWMA is also going to be installing educational boot brush stations at the entrances of these trails. The CWMA is hoping to perform this work in June.

With no further items to discuss, the Meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm. The next CWMA meeting was scheduled for March 18th at 1:00 pm.