

Harney County CWMA

H.C. Court House Basement Meeting Room

August 12, 2020 1:00pm

Meeting Minutes

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

Jason Kesling-SWCD

Shannon Brubaker-SWCD

Jim Campbell-Harney County

Kerry Goss-MWR

Kenny McLean- CWMA Coordinator

Linda Watts-BLM

Cody Faulk-SWCD

Randy Weist-DSL

Rachel Beubien-NRCS

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

CWMA Financials:

1. Financials were discussed. No new changes have been made to the financials. The CWMA is anticipating a payment amount of \$10,000 from the MWR to help the CWMA with capacity funding. Shannon recommended that we activate a CWMA Coordination account for the capacity funding we receive from the wildlife refuge. Randy Motioned to approve financials and Rachel seconded the motion.

Old Business:

1. The CWMA had planned on having our annual pesticide recertification class, Free Spray Day, and our second annual Nature Trail Weed Pull Event. Due to the Covid 19 Virus we had to cancel all of our planned community projects this year.

New Business

1. 2020 USFS Trail/Campground treatment. The CWMA has been walking through campgrounds and Hiking trails doing inventory and herbicide treatments. I have completed all of the campgrounds that were assigned to me. The CWMA is still working on walking all of the trails that were assigned. Houndstongue was Found at Yellowjacket and Rock springs Campgrounds. Everything else was pretty clean.

2. The CWMA has completed herbicide treatments for the Johnson Med. Sage Grant Project. 205 Gallons were spot sprayed from the county ranger throughout the treatment area, and 600 Gallons were boom sprayed from the spray truck. Two Herbicide treatments were performed on the land about Three weeks apart to double check anything that might have been missed on the first pass.
3. 2020 Medusahead OWEB/EQIP projects. The CWMA has been meeting with landowners to go over medusa contracts and get signatures to ensure we are all on the same page with the proposed treatments. We are currently waiting on possible new landowners that would like to take part in the EQIP spray project. Nick will begin the OWEB medusahead treatments around 8/13 and should be finished around 8/17. Randy Weist From the Department of State lands wants to treat Medusahead out in the Beavertables area, he will find out more about this and let the CWMA know.
4. OSWB cancels grant program for 2020 unless the project is part of a large restoration project.
5. Yellow Star Thistle was found in the Buchannon area in corners of a pivot where hay is being stacked.

With no further items to discuss, the Meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm. The next CWMA meeting was scheduled for September 16th at 1:00 pm.