

Harney County Watershed Council
450 N Buena Vista Avenue #4
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Mission and Purpose of the Harney County Watershed Council:

The Council recognizes that local ecological and economic prosperity is dependent upon the current and future availability of water; therefore, the Harney County Watershed Council is committed to this three-part goal:

- A. Determine the health of individual watersheds or watershed segments.
- B. Retain the health of high quality watersheds and,
- C. Restore and enhance those watersheds or portions thereof that can be improved.

Minutes of August 15, 2017

(members present will be presented in BOLD type)

John Sword – Drewsey	- Guano	Raven Wing – Alvord
Fred Otley – Diamond	Pat Sharp – Landowner Gen	Joe Witzel – H/M Lakes
Angie Ketscher – Silver Creek	Dustin Johnson – Education	Brandon Haslick– Paiute Tribe
Brenda Smith – C/C Burns/Hines	John Thelen - C/C at Large	Diane Rapaport– C/C Gen
Christine Bates – Environmental	– Sportsman	Jamie McCormick – BLM
Scott Franklin – SWCD	Mark Owens – HC Court	Rachel Beaubien – Silvies

Advisory members

(members present will be presented in bold type)

Dave Banks– ODF&W	Zola Ryan – NRCS
Chad Karges--MNWR	Chad Boyd – EOARC/ARS
Jordan VanSickle - USFS	JR Johnson - OWRD

Guests present:

Staff : Karen Moon, coordinator, Gretchen Bates – PBP project manager, Gabby Johnson – Range Camp Coordinator

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at pm.5:30pm.

Additions to the Agenda: none

Minutes: There were no minutes available this evening.

Bills: Bills were reviewed.

Correspondence: No correspondence this evening.

Coordinators Report: Karen shared the spreadsheet that is used for the Coordinators report.

Chairman's Report: There was no chairman's report this evening, but Rachel shared her baby girl with us.

Old Business:

Range Camp: Gabby Johnson asked for RSVP's from council members to the Range Camp BBQ to be held on August 24th. Ketscher Cattle company will provide the meat and others are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. There will be a slid-show from both camps shown at the BBQ. Gabby, Karen and Brenda are working on a grant for camp next year. The grant would be for coordination dollars. Chad Boyd will be cooking the meat.

Fair Booth: This year's theme is Country Scenes & Children's Dreams. The Council will have both an inside and outside booth. Outside will be a small portion of a center pivot that is displaying the spray nozzles for the LESA and LEPA systems. There will be information on all of the technology that has been presented at the last couple of CBWP and Groundwater Study meetings. The inside booth will have information on the Small Grant program, Range Camp and Groundwater Monitoring.

New Business

Small Grant Program: Karen shared that OWEB as funded the small grant program for the next biennium. We can start organizing the team at any time. One change this year is that there will be a \$15,000.00 limit, which is up from \$10,000.00 in the past. Mark Owens nominated Pat Sharp to be the Small Grant Representative from the WC. Dustin Johnson seconded and the motion passed. It was the consensus of the group that Dustin Johnson should be the alternate for the Small Grant Team.

Community Based Water Planning: The last meeting was July 17th. The group worked on the Declaration of Cooperation that was needed for the Meyer Memorial grant application. Mark Owens and Morgan Corrigan gave an update from the Research Group. Crane High School Students reported on their monitoring project. They will share their results with the Watershed Council. Hank Johnson with USGS gave his presentation on closed basins. A list of the top five areas that the group can impact was developed.

These include: Agricultural use – reduce use
Recharge – artificial
Municipal & Industrial efficiencies
Flood Plain – Vegetation management
Policy

There will be no Water Availability meeting tomorrow. The next meeting will be August 1st for the research committee. The Oregon Community Foundations grant was received. The Coordinating committee will meet tomorrow from 1-5pm at the HDP office. Thursday, Mark and Brenda will attend the Water Resources Commission meeting in Salem. Ken Bierly will provide testimony regarding the Place Based Planning program.

Meyer Memorial Foundation application: There was a site visit from Pam Wiley with the Meyer Memorial Trust on July 28th. Members present included Brenda, Mark, Karen, Gretchen, Dustin and Brandon Haslick. The dollars applied for include \$60,000 for two years. All felt that the visit went well. Brenda and Karen will work on the council budget and project budget. Karen will work on the benefits to partners. All in all there are 19 questions to be answered.

New office space for the Council: Brenda, Mark and Angie checked out the Findlayson building. They are asking \$88,000 for the building. Brenda shared that HDP spends a bit over \$1000 to keep the doors open. All thought there should be some renovations that would cost approx. \$7500. Move in expenses should run around \$2500.00. Karen Leindecker shared that she thought there were several other Councils that owned their own building. The group will look more into the costs and down payment that is needed. Questions about other options? There is not much available in Burns. A motion was made to pursue purchasing the building if the budget allows by Chris Bates, seconded by Pat Sharp. The motion was approved.

Range Camp future planning: OWEB can no longer fund Outreach projects unless tied to a restoration project. The group discussed paying Gabby to seek out other grant opportunities to pay for coordination of Range Camp in the future. There was also discussion on the Coordinator dollars for the Outdoor school. It was thought there may be some ODF & W money available? HBWI Focused Investment Partnership has dollars for part-time. There was discussion about the insurance used for Range Camp. OSU is questioning if we really fit into their pool for risk management and insurance. Options will be sought for next year's camp. It was thought we can use the same insurance company just not through 4-H.

Membership: Karen received a letter of resignation from Raven Wing from her Alvord Lakes Sub-basin position. This leaves the Guano and Alvord landowner positions open. The Sportsmen position is open and there was discussion on the Drewsey landowner position. Mr. Sword has not been able to attend meetings in quite awhile. There was a question about travel reimbursement for board members. Karen will calculate these amounts while working on the final report for the Council Support grant that just closed.

There was a question as to whether or not Angie had received a new GPS unit.

An announcement was made about the combined Farm Bureau, Stockgrowers, Cattlewomen's Annual meeting on Friday this week. Those wishing to RSVP can talk to Gabby.

Items for next agenda: Office space, budget, fair booth, Range Camp BBQ & slide show.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be September 19, 2017

The meeting adjourned at 6:32pm
Respectfully submitted,
Karen Moon, Coordinator