

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 June 20, 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
<b>Brenda Smith</b> – C/C Burns/Hines	<b>John Thelen</b> - C/C at Large	<b>Diane Rapaport</b> – C/C Gen
<b>Christine Bates</b> – Environmental	– Sportsman	<b>Jamie McCormick</b> – BLM
<b>Scott Franklin</b> – 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	Tony Svejcar – EOARC/ARS
Jordan VanSickle - USFS	JR Johnson - OWRD

Guests present:

Staff : Karen Moon, coordinator, Gretchen Bates – PBP project manager

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at pm.5:37pm. Introductions were made around the room. Welcome to Scott Franklin our new SWCD member.

**Additions to the Agenda:** none

**Minutes:** Minutes for the May meeting were reviewed. Diane Rapaport moved to accept the minutes as presented. Chris Bates seconded and the motion passed.

**Bills:** Bills were reviewed. Diane Rapaport moved to accept the bills as presented. Jamie McCormick seconded and the motion passed.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence this evening.

**Coordinators Report:** Karen shared the spreadsheet that is used for the Coordinators report. All grants were reviewed.

**Chairman's Report:** There was no Chairman's report this evening.

### **Old Business:**

**Community Based Water Planning:** Gretchen Bates, gave a progress report on the CBWP. The Water Availability work group met the day after the last meeting. They saw an irrigation technology presentation by Mylan\_\_\_\_\_ of OSU. Zola Ryan from NRCS gave a presentation on financial assistance programs that are available to producers. Mark Owens shared his own experiences with the LESA and LEPA systems. He reported that he has seen a 23% water savings with an increase in yield. The next work group meeting will be June 28<sup>th</sup> at the ESD meeting room.

The next full collaborative meeting will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup> and the Groundwater Study will meet on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Gretchen is finishing a draft of the Communications/Outreach plan.

Mark, Brenda, Brandon, Gretchen and Robin attended a conference in Bend on May 24 & 25<sup>th</sup> for the four Water Planning pilots. One of the days was a "help" day with other interested participants who had submitted applications but were not funded. Everyone came away with lots of good ideas and excited for continued success.

The group has been working on additional funding, a DEQ 319 grant has been submitted and we were asked to submit a full proposal to Meyer Memorial Trust. The grant deadline is June 11<sup>th</sup>. We are also working on an application with Oregon Community Foundation to help fully fund the collaborative for the next three years.

Gretchen shared the conceptual model that the Work group developed. We will be updating the website. Mark, Brenda and Gretchen have been having one on one contact with collaborative participants.

Diane Rapaport reported that 50-70 people per day are reading her blogs.

**The Chairman's list:** Chairman Rachel Beaubien has been keeping track of ideas brought out at recent council meetings and summarized them in a list to be discussed: Brenda reviewed some of the activities that we talked about last meeting. There was a discussion about the small grant program.

**Range Camp:** Range camp will be starting tomorrow. There are 12 enthusiastic campers ready to come and learn about Range Management. Diane Rapaport moved to donate 2 \$125.00 scholarships for a total of \$250.00. Chris Bates seconded and the motion passed.

## **New Business**

**Executive Committee meeting update:** The Executive committee met and discussed better aligning our workplan with our Strategic Plan. We are working to try to re-set the timeline so the two match better with the OWEB workplan that needs to be submitted.

**Fair Booth:** This year's theme is Country Scenes & Children's Dreams. Chris Bates spent time at the booth last year and fielded quite a few questions about what the Watershed Council does.

Ideas for the booth include updated irrigation technology, funding opportunities, Conceptual model for Community Based Water Planning.

Hopefully we can have a "proof" to approve at the August meeting.

**Items for next agenda: Fair booth & Strategic Action Plan**

**August items: Budget, Outreach/reports, website, process to review applications, board engagement, board training opportunities.**

**Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be July 19, 2017

The meeting adjourned at 6:42pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Moon, Coordinator