

Harney County Watershed Council
242 Hwy 20 South
Hines, OR 97738

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 21, 2018

(members present will be presented in BOLD type)

- Drewsey	- Guano	- 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
- USFS	JR Johnson - OWRD

Guests present: Tessa Edelen, DEQ

Staff : Karen Moon, coordinator

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at pm.5:39 pm, by Chairman Rachel Beaubien We did not have a quorum at this meeting so a discussion of the agenda items took place.

Additions to the Agenda: none

Minutes: Minutes for the May meeting were reviewed but not voted on.

Bills: Bills were reviewed. Council members commented that it is hard to read the financial reports with no income. Karen will work on carryover amounts to the new fiscal year. There were questions about the upcoming diversion grants with HBWI and the admin that was expected.

Correspondence: none this evening.

Coordinator's Report: The spreadsheet was reviewed. All grants were updated as to financial changes. There was discussion on submitting another groundwater monitoring application and a letter of support for the OSU project to the USDA grant. OWEB grants for open solicitation are due October. There was discussion on the Outdoor School grant.

Chairman Report: There was discussion as to interest in board training for the council. All present were interested.

Old Business:

Community Based Water Planning

All four work-groups will meet over the next two days.

The Domestic Well work group will be discussing ways to move forward. There is discussion about an OWEB Stakeholder engagement grant to help with funds for OSU as a neutral third party to conduct the survey. The group has been working on a list of questions that they feel are important. A question was asked if we could get a list of landowners and do the mailing ourselves? The Domestic group will have a presentation from a well driller at the next meeting.

The Agricultural Work group met recently and had a report on the CREP program. There was discussion on voluntary agreements. The group is working on developing a list of tools that are available to ag producers. The next meeting they will have a presentation on alternative crops and explore the feasibility of water marketing.

The Veg Management work group see the report from Rianne..

The Ecological Workgroup is meeting next week.

Mark Owens is giving a pivot tour next week. The bus will leave from the High Desert Partnership office at 1pm.

Funding for CBWP was discussed.

- Oregon Consensus is conducting a mid-term assessment to see how the Collaborative is doing.
- Mark reminded everyone that OWRD will be convening another Rules Advisory Committee at the end of the groundwater study in 2020.
- We are submitting an application to the Ford Family Foundation to help with the Learning Partnership for the four Pilot projects.
- There was concern about not submitting a feasibility study to OWRD
- Harney County Court is submitting another OCF grant for \$20,000.

New Business

2018/19 Budget Karen presented a copy of the budget she and Janae from Osters have been working on, as well as a narrative explaining some of the numbers.

Fair Booth needs: Karen will email a list of needs for the Fair Booth. We will need volunteers to set up the booth on Wednesday and if possible have someone be present for judging on Thursday morning. Tear down is Sunday late afternoon. The booth will showcase Range Camp and Community Based Water Planning.

Items for next agenda:

Upcoming events:

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be October 16, 2018

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm
Respectfully submitted,
Karen Moon, Coordinator