

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 January 16, 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
Jordan VanSickle - USFS	JR Johnson - OWRD

Guests present: Paige Evans, DEQ and Mike Mulvey, DEQ

Staff : Karen Moon, coordinator, Rianne BeCraft- CBWP Project Mgr., Paige Evans – DEQ and Mike Melvey - DEQ

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at pm.5:34 pm.

Additions to the Agenda: none

Minutes: Minutes for the December meeting were reviewed There were several corrections. Dustin Johnson moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Pat Sharp and the motion passed.

Bills: Bills were reviewed. There were several questions about the budget format and chart of accounts. Karen will work with Janae again to move things around. Pat Sharp moved to approve the financials, Joe Witzel seconded and the motion passed.

Mike Mulvey from DEQ gave two presentations, one on Blue Green Algae ad one on DEQ's Toxics monitoring program. The toxics program is systematically testing all areas of the state. They will be testing the Closed Lakes Basin again this fall and asked for recommendations on where to test. Reports can be found on the DEQ website.

Harmful algal blooms were also talked about. The algae produces nerve and liver toxins and can harm both animals and people. The Oregon Health Authority relies on partners to help test and monitor local reports of blue green algae. Board members talked about seeing some in Chicahominy and possibly Delintment Lake over the past couple of years. Dustin Johnson moved to have the Council act as a local partner who would go out and test if reports are made. Angie Ketscher seconded and the motion passed. Mike left two coolers at the office that can be used to collect samples.

Board members had questions about arsenic testing. Historically real estate transactions are relied on for testing. Questions about how wide spread natural arsenic is in the basin. Paige talked about the Domestic Well Safety Program from DEQ and a professor Mollie Kyle may be a good speaker for Community Based Water Planning

Old Business:

Community Based Water Planning

The Domestic Well work group will meet again February 21st or 22nd. Diane Rapaport will be giving a presentation from the City of Hines. March meetings will turn towards more quality discussions. There was discussion on both kinds of arsenic, one can be treated and the other can't.

The Water Availability Work Group hasn't met since our last meeting. Ken Bierly is working on a "backgrounder" for the group. They are going to be changing their name to the Agriculture work group for future use. They will also meet February 21/22 at the Community Center

The Veg Management work group will give an update tomorrow at the Quarterly Collaborative meeting. They have chosen to work on Riparian areas first and to focus on the Silvies Sub-basin as there is already quite a bit of work going on there. Data for the Silvies was presented at the second meeting. The Agencies got together in a sub-group to try to determine how they can find common ground on how they all refer to monitoring. Findings from this sub-group will be presented at the February work group meetings.

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee met in December, they are planning to meet again in February.

Range Camp Update: Held a coordinating meeting this morning. We have dates for the two camps. College camp will be April 26-29 and High School camp will be June 13-16th. So far eight colleges have again shown interest in attending April's camp. Team leads are needed. Perhaps BLM can help provide some personnel? Sponsorship letters are ready to send out to request scholarships and donations. Judges are needed for the high school camp to listen to site plans. There were thoughts of inviting council members and sponsors to camp for dinner/lunch. Angie Ketscher moved to donate two sponsorships to high school camp (\$250.00). Diane Rapaport seconded and the motion passed. Council members asked if a sponsorship letter could be shared with members.

Groundwater Monitoring: Darrick and Angie will be monitoring together for the next couple of days. Paige will be riding along tomorrow to see about adding more people to the Water Quality monitoring project coming up this year. Darrick is also

showing Angie how to enter reading into the OWRD database. Dustin Johnson will help Angie to create a report for the Council. Angie will have a report in March for the Council.

New Business

Items for next agenda: Work-plan, Range Camp, Small Grant Program, Community Based Water Planning.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be February 20, 2018

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Moon, Coordinator