

Harney County Watershed Council
242 Hwy 20 South
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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 November 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
- USFS	JR Johnson - OWRD

Guests present:

Staff : Karen Moon, coordinator

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at pm.5:33 pm, by Chairman Rachel Beaubien.

Additions to the Agenda: none

Minutes: Minutes for the October meeting were reviewed. Joe Witzel moved to accept minutes with one change to the next meeting date at the bottom of the minutes. Pat Sharp seconded and the motion passed.

Bills: Bills were reviewed. There were questions about remaining funds for CBWP. Karen was reminded to send out the financials before the meeting that include the narrative. There were questions about the withdrawal of the King Dam project. The reason was explained and a new dam will be proposed through HBWI to replace that project.

Correspondence: none this evening.

Coordinator's Report: The spreadsheet was reviewed. Karen reported on the grants that were submitted. Karen will talk to James Pearson who is working on a lake model for the Refuge and HBWI to come and give a presentation on how the Harney Basin LiDAR information helped to create and inform his model.

Chairman Report: Chairman Rachel Beaubien reported that she and a couple others had attended and felt it was good information. This workshop was sponsored by Oregon Community Foundation. The strategic planning information in the afternoon was very helpful as the Council will be reviewing our strategic plan in the coming year. Rachel has made some suggestions to our meeting agenda to help keep the meetings moving in a positive manner.

Old Business:

Community Based Water Planning

Pat Sharp reported (with notes from Rianne) that the leads of the working groups have created a draft workplan after review of the Mid-process assessment done by the facilitators. Each lead will work with their group to move from step 2 (current conditions) and step 3 (future needs) and move the group into step 4 (proposing solutions). There was recognition that a couple of the groups started later and still have step 2 & 3 work to do. While the working group leads are very mindful that our final plan needs to incorporate surface water as well, due to the current situation with the groundwater study, groundwater will be the focus first. New work groups may evolve as the group comes together to work towards solutions to reducing water use.

The Coordinating Committee is working on holding a "summit" which will be a two day intensive work/brainstorming session for all of the workgroups. Tentatively planned for January 23/24, 2019, possibly at Crane Hot Springs.

The full collaborative will meet next Wednesday from 3-8pm.

The Ecological workgroup will meet Tuesday from 1-4pm

The Ag workgroup will meet Tuesday from 5-8pm

The Domestic/Municipal group will meet Thursday from 5-8pm

All meetings at the Community Center.

Funding: Mark and Brenda attended the OWRD Commissioners meeting last week. All four pilots gave an update. The Commission is still very interested in the program. A policy option is being presented in the budget for next year. Hopefully this will include additional funding for PBP.

OWEB grants submitted: This was covered in the Coordinator's report

Groundwater monitoring: Angie gave another update about the monitoring data. She said she is getting conflicting information between the local watermaster's office and Salem and she is not sure how to proceed. Karen and Angie will work to try to meet the needs of those in Salem to ensure the water level data is included in the groundwater study.

New Business

Council Self-Evaluation Prep: There was discussion about the non-profit training that was given by the Oregon Community Foundation. Andrienne Graham has a good program that may help to fit the needs of the Council Self-

evaluation. After discussion it was decided to go ahead and ask Ellen Hammond from ODA to facilitate the Self-Evaluation from OWEB, and ask her to help the Council move forward into next steps, rather than just give a summary of the results of the form provided by OWEB. The group reviewed the summary from the 2016 evaluation.

Council members commented that they were having problems with the excel spreadsheet provided by OWEB. The form would skip questions and not allow them to go back to fill them in.

The group would like to look for funding to contract with OCF to do a more in-depth evaluation and to begin working on the Strategic plan update.

The group reviewed the council's bylaws. There was a question about them being concise and simple. There really is not a need at the moment for more comprehensive bylaws or policies. A copy of the council's Strategic Action Plan was provided to council members along with the forms from the Council Member's handbook. Karen will contact NOWC to ask about other council's policies and what they all include.

There was discussion about the Officer's election coming up. Terms expire December 31, 2018. Rachel Beaubien expressed that she would decline re-election. Dustin Johnson also made a comment that his job is changing and his availability may not be what it has been, so therefore it may be better to elect a new secretary.

Items for next agenda: Council Self-Evaluation, Officer elections.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be December 18, 2018

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm
Respectfully submitted,
Karen Moon, Coordinator