

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 January 15, 2019

(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 McCormack– 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: Tyler Harris, Tessa Edelen – DEQ, Rachel Lovellford by phone

Staff : Karen Moon, coordinator

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at pm.5:35pm

Additions to the Agenda: none

Minutes: Minutes for the December meeting were reviewed. Diane Rapaport moved to approve the minutes as presented. Brandon Haslick seconded. The November meeting will be reviewed and accepted at the February meeting, as an oversight they were not provided for review this evening.

Bills: Bills were reviewed. The P & L was shared as well as the balance sheet.

Correspondence: none this evening.

Coordinator's Report: was cut short this evening due to the presentation.

Chairman Report: was cut short this evening due to the presentation.

Presentation by Rachel Lovellford about the possibility of having an Agrimet Station placed in Harney County. The presentation talked about the fact that the nearest Agrimet station is located in Baker County. An Agrimet station is basically a weather station but allows producers access to the information. This could help to quantify the ET questions that are being raised in Community Based Water Planning. There was a question about the Eddy Covariant stations and it was noted that the two gather different data sets. It would be an advantage to have both stations located within the same property to ground truth each other's data. It was noted that the yearly maintenance is still around \$1600 per year. In the past, the WC had committed to funding the maintenance for a five to ten (10) year period. The Bureau of Reclamation hosts the data and publishes it on their website for local farmers or the public to access. The next steps are to develop the draft contracts. Rachel had emailed a handout/summary that was provided to council members.

Old Business:

Community Based Water Planning

Rianne BeCraft, project manager emailed an update that was shared with the group. The Veg Management workgroup and Ecological workgroup have had recent meetings and are finalizing their work plans for the next six months. Planning for the "Summit" are nearly complete and the Summit will take place on January 22 & 23rd at Crystal Crane Hot Springs. Participants will review the "one pagers" that have been submitted begin discussions on moving into Step 4 of Place Based Planning, which is identifying solutions. So far 31 pages of solutions have been submitted for review.

Review of Council self-evaluation. Ellen Hammond provided a summary of the Self-evaluation that was discussed at the December meeting. Results of the evaluation were very similar to two years ago in 2016. Council members were pleased to be able to discuss some "next steps" in how to move forward towards the future. All agreed that Place Based Planning is a commitment that needs follow-through, and it will still be a couple of years.

New Business

Officer elections: While there is quorum this evening, members felt that more members should be present for elections. Elections will take place at the February meeting.

Range Camp: Chad Boyd shared that College camp will take place on April 25-27, 2019. High School camp will be June 19-22, 2019. EOARD again has funding to pay the coordinator for this year. Karen will work with Gabby to get sponsor letters and grant proposals completed.

DEQ 319 funds report: Tessa Edelen was present as a guest from DEQ. Tessa shared that DEQ 319 applications are about to be announced, however this year only those basins with a TMDL will be eligible to submit applications. The Council and Place Based Planning will not qualify to apply.

Membership: Tyler Harris was again present as a guest this evening and expressed an interest in joining the council as the Drewsey representative. Tyler will submit a letter of interest, Diane Rapaport moved to recommend Tyler Harris to be appointed by the County Court to the Drewsey position, Brandon Haslick seconded and the motion passed. Karen will attend County Court to ask them to appoint Tyler.

Items for next agenda: Officer elections, CBWP updates, Range Camp

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be February 19, 2019

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Moon, Coordinator