

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 May 21, 2019

(members present will be presented in BOLD type)

Tyler Harris – Drewsey	- Guano	- Alvord
Fred Otley – Diamond	Pat Sharp – Landowner Gen (by phone)	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
Alexa Martinez – Environmental	Ben Cate – 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: Tessa Edelen- DEQ, John Jensen,

Staff : Karen Moon, coordinator

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm

Presentation: John Jensen, a landowner in the Silvies Sub-basin was present to give a presentation on Beaver Dam Analogs. This is a project he is hoping to implement on his property through a CREP Conservation Plan. He would like to install at least four on his property. He cited the BDA's that have been implemented on the Silvies Valley Ranch. He is looking for volunteers to help build the BDA's on his property and use the project as a learning experience. Members of the Council all thought this was a worthwhile project. There was some discussion on trying to help with small grant funding, however the timeline is probably too short to have funding to help.

Additions to the Agenda: none

Minutes: Minutes for the April meeting were reviewed. Diane Rapaport moved to approve the minutes, Rachel Beaubien seconded and the motion passed.

Bills: were reviewed, the budget will be presented at the June meeting.

Correspondence: none this evening.

Coordinator's Report: was given verbally this evening.

Chairman Report: Chairman Brenda Smith talked about a proposal from Adrienne Graham to help with board capacity, assessment, and strategic planning.

Old Business:

Community Based Water Planning: Rianne BeCraft, project manager for CBWP sent an update which Chairman Brenda Smith shared. She let everyone know that 16 new one-page solutions have been submitted for the Collaborative's review. The Website is being updated. Funding for CBWP includes a new application to the Collins Foundation, NRCS has some Farm Bill funding that may be available and we are still waiting for the OWRD policy package to see whether Oregon will continue to fund Place Based Planning.

Diane Rapaport asked when the presentations from the last CBWP meeting will be available on the website. Karen said she would check with Rianne.

Mark Owens shared that Senator Merkley will be here for a town hall meeting next week, Wednesday or Thursday at 4pm in the Lincoln Junior High Auditorium.

Groundwater monitoring: Karen reported that she has had a conference call with OWEB about the groundwater monitoring grants. The final report is being accepted at this time. There is concern that because we are monitoring more wells than we had stated in the grant that we will run out of funds sooner than expected. OWEB staff feel it is very important to continue to monitor to the end of the grant period. There will be a meeting with OWRD to clarify the data to be shared with them and then a conference call with OWRD staff, Karen, Angie and OWEB the day after the Groundwater Study meeting. After discussion about ways to save funds and to continue on to July of 2020 Diane Rapaport moved to eliminate the middle of the summer measurements. Pat Sharp seconded and the motion passed. All agreed that the middle of the summer readings doesn't tell us much of anything about the groundwater drawdown or recovery. We will continue to monitor fall, winter and spring.

Range Camp: Council members asked for a presentation on the results of Range Camp, rather than just a verbal accounting.

New Business

Policy review: Karen shared a policy that will be included in future contracts that will limit contractor's "Admin" percentages to the same as what we are allowed to claim on our grants from OWEB, which is 10%. After discussion Mark Owens moved to approve the policy limiting admin for contractors to be paid at 10%. Rachel Beaubien seconded and the motion passed.

Summer meeting schedule: Chairman Brenda Smith shared a vision of a summer tour. June would be out at the Northern Great Basin Experimental Range for Range Camp, July would be the Carp Threshold project in Double O and August

would be some of the dam projects. All members thought the schedule sounded good. Mark Owens offered the bus to car-pool out to the Butte. Everyone stated they will bring a sack lunch for the bus ride.

Strategic planning:

Items for next agenda: Groundwater monitoring update from spring measurements, Groundwater study Advisory Committee update, HCWC budget

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be June 18, 2019

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Moon, Coordinator