

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 July 16, 2019**

(members present will be presented in BOLD type)

Tyler Harris – Drewsey	- Guano	- Alvord
Fred Otley – Diamond	<b>Pat Sharp</b> – Landowner Gen	Joe Witzel – H/M Lakes
<b>Angie Ketscher</b> – Silver Creek	Dustin Johnson – Education	Brandon Haslick– Paiute Tribe
<b>Brenda Smith</b> – C/C Burns/Hines	John Thelen- C/C at Large	Diane Rapaport– C/C Gen
<b>Alexa Martinez</b> – Environmental	<b>Ben Cate</b> – Sportsman	<b>Jamie McCormack</b> – 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: Janette

Staff : Karen Moon, coordinator

**Field trip to Wind Mill Pond to see the Carp Threshold project that is just getting underway. Thanks to Ben Cate and Alexa Martinez for giving board members the specifics of the project.**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:48pm at the Double O School.

**Additions to the Agenda: none**

**Minutes:** Minutes for the June meeting were reviewed. Angie Ketscher moved to approve the minutes, with noted changes, Pat Sharp seconded and the motion passed.

**Bills:** The P & L for the past fiscal year was reviewed. The budget for the upcoming fiscal year was accepted at the last monthly meeting, however several things have changed over the last month, so the budget has been updated. Changes were reviewed. Karen will update the notes and send out to the council to let everyone know of the changes.

**Correspondence:** none this evening.

**Coordinator's Report:** Was updated and handed out at the meeting.

**Chairman Report:** Was not presented due to the field trip meeting

### **Old Business:**

**Community Based Water Planning:** Brenda Smith reported on the full collaborative meeting held last week. It was a good meeting that worked through several of the proposed solutions. Members felt it was good to go through them with the whole group as then everyone was on the same page and could ask questions of each other to reach agreement. The format will continue with additional solutions over the next months of work. The technical team for CREP met the morning of the collaborative meeting as well as the Anderson Perry feasibility study met in between.

There was discussion about the Feasibility Study that the County has started with Anderson Perry to find ways to help domestic users with solutions to drinking water for the future. Council members feel that this project is information gathering and not a specific project which would possibly need approval from the Collaborative. Council members feel that they are responsible for continued funding of the Collaborative. There is a possibility of several different funding sources that may be available to help pay for the study. We have been told the legislature passed the Policy Option package, but the amount of funding for OWRD has been reduced. OWRD has asked each pilot for a budget request. The request was submitted today as per requirements. We will have to wait to see the final award. The application to OWEB with a budget was submitted for the NRCS funds and a grant agreement is expected to be completed around the end of July. There was discussion that some of the collaborative members may like to have more input as to how funding is allocated for the collaborative. The Council discussed this about a year ago and felt that funding was ultimately the responsibility of the Council. A motion was made by Angie Ketscher to allow funds that are being administered by the Watershed Council to be used to help fulfill the Anderson Perry contract feasibility study that is partially funded by the County. Pat Sharp seconded and the motion passed.

**Groundwater Monitoring update:** Angie Ketscher reported that information sheets and data sheets have been sent to OWRD for their review. Sheets were submitted on time as per the meeting with OWRD and OWEB. There is still a bit more data to be sent, regarding photos that were requested and monitoring will continue this fall.

**Range Camp Update:** Camp was completed, some bills are still coming in. Karen will ask Gabby if she can put a presentation together and present at the September meeting.

### **New Business**

**Strategic planning:** The contract with Adrienne Graham is complete and a survey was sent out to council members to complete. The board retreat will take place on August 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 2pm at the Pine Room. Dinner will be served at

5:30pm with a short board meeting to occur during dinner. We will not hold a meeting on the regularly scheduled date of August 20<sup>th</sup>.

The proposed field trip meeting to tour some of the dam projects with HBWI was postponed until September. We will ask Chris Colson if he could be available to talk about the projects with the Council.

**Items for next agenda: The next meeting will be the board retreat with Adrienne Graham on August 14<sup>th</sup> at the Pine Room starting at 2pm.**

**Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be August 14, 2019

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Moon, Coordinator