

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 September 17, 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
Angie Ketscher – 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	<b>Rachel Beaubien</b> – Silvies

Advisory members

(members present will be presented in bold type)

Dave Banks– ODF&W	Zola Ryan – NRCS
<b>Jeff Mackay</b> --MNWR	<b>Chad Boyd</b> – EOARC/ARS
- USFS	JR Johnson - OWRD

Guests present:

Staff : Karen Moon, coordinator

**Field trip to one of the Dam projects being worked on by the Harney Basin Wetlands Initiative.**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. Council members welcomed Jeff MacKay to the Council as the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Advisory member. Jeff is replacing Chad Karges who recently retired from the Refuge.

**Additions to the Agenda: none**

**Minutes:** Minutes for the July meeting were reviewed. Members attended the strategic board planning meeting in August and a regular council meeting was not held. Ben Cate moved to approve the minutes, Pat Sharp seconded and the motion passed.

**Bills:** The P & L for the current fiscal year was reviewed.

**Correspondence:** none this evening.

**Coordinator's Report:** The coordinator's workplan was reviewed. There was discussion on the council's projects and discussion of the possibility of a small grant to help the BLM with applying herbicide and seed to the BeaverTables Medusahead project that the local CWMA has been working on.

**Chairman Report:** Chairman Brenda Smith gave an update and informed Council members that our project manager for Community Based Water Planning has given notice that she will be leaving the project gradually over the next six months.

The governor is working on a 100 year water planning effort for Oregon. Members of the Learning Partnership of the 4 pilot projects will be meeting on the coast for the next few days to discuss. Mark Doverspike, Cheryl Smith and Brenda will represent our collaborative.

**Old Business:**

**Community Based Water Planning:** The next full collaborative meeting will be Wednesday, September 25 from 3-5pm at the Community Center. The main focus of the meeting will continue with the strategies. Pat Sharp shared information about an article in High Country News about Colorado's San Luis Valley water issues.

There will be a Vegetation Management meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, along with an Anderson Perry Feasibility Study meeting in the evening. The CREP group will meet at 9am on Wednesday before the CBWP meeting. Ken Bierly shared several documents for the upcoming meeting.

**New Business**

**Strategic planning:** The board discussed continuing to work with Adrienne Graham on a development plan for the Council. Council members reviewed and signed a "conflict of interest" statement. Karen also asked board members to fill out an information sheet. Many private foundations ask for a list of board members when applying for grants.

**Meeting review:** Chairman Brenda Smith asked people to start a new practice of going around the room to share what they thought of the meeting. Many good ideas were presented.

**Items for next agenda: Karen will check with James Pearson to see if he can give a presentation for HBWI on work being done to restore Malheur Lake. It was suggested to invite the new SWCD manager to the next meeting.**

**Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be October 15, 2019

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Moon, Coordinator