



Harney County Watershed Council

Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2019
Crane High School Board meeting room
Crane, Oregon

Membership & Attendance:
(those in attendance will be highlighted)

Landowner positions:

Alvord –
Donner und Blitzen – Fred Otley
Guano –
Harney/Malheur Lakes – Joe Witzel
Silvies – Rachel Beaubien
Silver Creek – Angie Ketscher
Drewsey – **Tyler Harris**
Landowner General - Pat Sharp
Burns Paiute Tribe – Brandon Haslick

Concerned Citizen positions:

Burns/Hines – **Brenda Smith**
At Large – **John Thelen**
General - Diane Rapaport
Sportsman – Ben Cate
Education – **Dustin Johnson**
Environmental – Alexa Martinez
County Court – **Mark Owens**
Harney SWCD – Scott Franklin
BLM – **Jamie McCormack**

Advisory Positions

ODF & W – Dave Banks
Malheur National Wildlife – **Jeff Mackay**
NRCS – Zola Ryan
EOARC – **Chad Boyd**
OWRD – JR Johnson
USFS -

Staff

Coordinator – Karen Moon

Guests – Cheryl Smith, Louis Smith, Calla Hagle, Brad Baird – Anderson Perry and Dana Kurtz- Anderson Perry

Mission of the Harney County Watershed Council

Local economic and ecological prosperity depends on watershed health and the availability and quality of ground and surface water.

Therefore, the Harney County Watershed Council provides a framework of outreach, coordination and cooperation between private landowners and all interested parties to promote watershed conditions that benefit people and the environment. The Council works to improve watershed health through education, action plans based on scientific assessments and enhancement projects.



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The meeting was called to order at 5:38pm. Introductions were made around the room.

Anderson Perry Work Session:

Brad and Dana from Anderson Perry conducted their third work-session for the Feasibility Study they are working on to explore options to assist rural domestic water users. There was discussion Community Wells, Cisterns, Connections to the cities, and options for filling fire trucks.

Recommendations for implementation steps include:

- Wait until the OWRD groundwater study is complete before applying for well permits/determining exact well locations for Community Wells
- Find willing community members (i.e., critical mass for community well or cisterns, city tie-ins)
- Apply for and complete design financing
- Secure land, permitting and design improvements
- Apply for construction financing
- Construction

This is the final work session and they will be working on completing the final report for the study. A draft should be ready for review early November with a final WFS by November 29, 2019.

Copies of the presentation will be available at the Watershed Council office.

The presentation concluded and the Watershed Council monthly meeting was called to order at 7:26pm.

Chairman Brenda Smith welcomed everyone and thanked them for driving to Crane for the meeting. Brenda spoke shortly about the board retreat that we had in August and would like to continue working on strategic planning at our next board meeting. She also reminded everyone of the Community Based Water Planning meeting scheduled for tomorrow and the Groundwater Study meetings Thursday and Friday.

The one action item for tonight's meeting is a resolution by the board is needed to send in the WaterSmart grant application to the Bureau of Reclamation. A copy of the resolution was reviewed by board members. Mark Owens moved to approve the resolution as written, Ben Cate seconded and all approved.

With time being short and travel back to Burns was needed the additional agenda items will be moved to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm
Karen Moon, Coordinator