



# Harney County Watershed Council

Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2022

meeting by Zoom

Hines, Oregon

Membership & Attendance:

(those in attendance will be highlighted)

**Landowner positions:**

Alvord –

Donner und Blitzen – Fred Otley

Guano –

Harney/Malheur Lakes –

Silvies – **Rachel Beaubien**

Silver Creek – Angie Ketscher

Drewsey –

Landowner General – Pat Sharp

Burns Paiute Tribe – Brandon Haslick

**Concerned Citizen positions:**

Burns/Hines – **Brenda Smith**

At Large –

General - **Rep. Mark Owens**

Sportsman –

Education – **Dustin Johnson**

Environmental – Alexa Martinez

County Court – Kristen Shelman

Harney SWCD – **Susan Doverspike**

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 – Jason Kesling – Harney SWCD, Holly Mondo – CBWP Project Mgr.

***Mission of the Harney County Watershed Council***

*Harney County Watershed Council works to improve watershed health for the benefit of our communities and the environment!*

***Vision of the Harney County Watershed Council***

*People in Harney County are working together to ensure healthy watersheds and thriving communities.*



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The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm. Chairman Jamie McCormack welcomed everyone to the meeting, reviewed the agenda and asked each member to share a short update on what is happening in their world.

## **Continuing project updates/action items**

### **Community Based Water Planning update:**

CBWP Update: Next meeting will be held Thursday, January 27, 2022 from 5-8pm at the Community Center.

Holly Mondo shared an update on the work of the collaborative since December. A Consensus event on the strategies was achieved and work continues with some refinements or word smithing. There will be a review meeting with OWRD regarding several concerns. Holly and Ken Bierly have released a first draft of the groundwater portion of the Integrated Plan and members are being asked to review and give feedback on February 1<sup>st</sup> in a Zoom meeting. There will be a presentation by the Environment Defense Fund (EDF) regarding the next steps regarding development of a water market within the basin. There is a computer platform/model that could help educate community members on how a market could work.

### **Strategic Planning**

Karen is working on a draft for a second article for the Burns Times Herald. The topic will be in regard to Water planning.

### **Board membership:**

There was discussion on the open membership positions on the Council. There was discussion about holding council meetings around the County to make it easier for those from farther out in the County to attend. A question was asked about what seats were the most important to fill? Could we create a list of eligible people to approach about joining? Discussion will continue in February.

### **Range Camp**

There will be a meeting tomorrow morning at the HCWC office to discuss next steps to get Range Camp up and running again.

## **New Business**

### **2021 Accomplishments**

Karen shared a document she had put together with the accomplishments from 2021. This included accomplishments of Community Based Water Planning, efforts from other projects and collaboratives that the Council participates in and presentations that were given.



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**Minutes & Financials:** Minutes for the November meeting were reviewed

The financials were reviewed. A motion was made by Jason Kesling and seconded by Dustin Johnson to approve the minutes and the financial report. The motion was approved.

**Items for next agenda include:** update for CBWP, discussion on Admin dollars, metrics around CBWP in the past year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm  
Karen Moon, Coordinator