



# Harney County Watershed Council

Monthly Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, April 18, 2023  
meeting by Zoom & HCWC office  
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 –  
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 – Dally Swindlehurst  
USFS -

Staff

Coordinator – Karen Moon

Guests – Sam Artize

***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 5:35pm. 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.

Members shared that they are finishing up OWEB grants for the spring submission. Most are waiting on snow to thaw to start getting out in the field. Turn out is late for permittees on both the BLM lands and the Forest Service. Roads will need attention after all the snow and ice this winter.

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

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

Karen shared that the April meeting was successful. OWRD gave an update on the 512 and Division 10 rules. The first Division 512 Rules Advisory Committee meeting will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Coordinating Committee is discussing how to approach the development of the Critical Issues list. All work groups are continuing with their Step 2 and Step 3 plans and are on track to completing work in a couple of months. Next Full Collaborative meeting is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Strategic Planning:**

We are still talking about an article regarding the Surface Water portion of Community Based Water Planning. Karen will talk to Holly.

With regards to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gathering, there was discussion on another “history of the Council” article to be planned for the August timeframe. The Sub-committee can hopefully have some preliminary ideas by the May meeting.

#### **Membership:**

There was a short discussion on membership. We will leave this as a standing item on the agenda.

### **New Business**

#### **Range Camp:**

Range Camp was supposed to be happening the end of this week and weekend. However, there is still too much snow and mud at the Butte to hold camp. There was discussion about holding it the third weekend in May. Karen will let council members know if this will work or not.



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## **Bylaw review:**

Bylaws and policies were reviewed. Karen will send out an email to ask members to approve the changes in the bylaws. Bylaws were approved by a majority vote.

## **June meeting in Diamond:**

Karen will work on logistics, and remember to ask about internet access.

## **New Projects:**

Sam Artize gave an update on the Cow Creek and Soldier Creek TA grants that are being prepared for submission for the Spring round of grants from OWEB.

## **Minutes & Financials:**

Minutes and financials were tabled until the May meeting due to lack of a quorum.

**Items for next agenda:** Next meeting will be May 16, 2023. Items proposed include CBWP update, Strategic planning, Membership, Diamond meeting and planning for the event in August.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

Karen Moon, Coordinator