



# Harney County Watershed Council

Monthly Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, August 15, 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 – **Sam Artaiz**  
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 –

***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 5:31pm.

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 Field work was continuing, Sage Con is coming up in September, High Desert Partnership is working on submitting an application for a second Wetlands FIP, NRCS contracts will be due in a couple of months. Haying is continuing.

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

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

Karen gave an update on the water planning collaborative. Working groups are finishing up their Step 2 & 3 documents, the Collaborative is seeing presentations from all of the working groups and will be starting on a Critical Issues List . Next meeting will be August 30, 2023.

### **Strategic Planning:**

Planning for future articles is underway.

Anniversary dinner plans are complete, we will meet next week.

### **Other Projects:**

- a. Congressional Funds Grant agreement is almost complete and ready to be signed
- b. Five Mile Dam agreement is complete – contractor selection is complete. Kick off meeting will be the last week in August with contractor, Ken and Karen.
- c. Silvies River Hydraulic Model contract is being developed
- d. Beaver Habitat project – contact has been made with the proposed contractor.

## **New Business**

### **Budget:**

The budget was reviewed. Angie Ketscher moved to approve the budget as presented. Brandon Haslick seconded and the motion passed.

### **Fair Booth:**

Karen shared that the Fair Board is thinking of having all vendors/booths outside this year. After discussion it was noted that we are not prepared for an outside booth. If that is the decision then we will not have a booth at fair this year.



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## **Minutes & Financials:**

Minutes for May and June were reviewed. Sam noted that his last name was misspelled. Karen will correct. Pat Sharp moved to approve both May and June's minutes. Angie Ketscher seconded and the motion passed.

Financials were reviewed.

**Items for next agenda:** Next meeting will be September 19, 2023. Items proposed include CBWP update, Strategic planning and membership.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm  
Karen Moon, Coordinator