



Harney County Watershed Council

Monthly Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, February 20, 2024
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 –
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 – Jess Wennick
NRCS – Rachel Beaubien
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 5:32pm.

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 all of us are tired of mud this winter, there was not a lot of precipitation in February, but lots of mud, perhaps there will be more grass this summer.

Since there are only a few of us this evening, we will focus mainly on going through updates to the Strategic Plan and leave business to the March meeting.

Continuing project updates/action items

Strategic Planning:

Karen presented a “track changes” printed document and members present went through the document page by page. Karen took notes and will work on a second draft to be sent out and members will continue working on the plan during the March meeting.

Community Based Water Planning update:

The next meeting will be February 26th at a new start time of 3pm in the afternoon.

Membership:

Was not discussed this evening

Five Mile Dam Design:

A Zoom meeting with the contractor and ODF & W local personnel as well as the State office took place on February 7th. The contractor will work to make some updates and a date will be developed to meet with water users.

Table sponsor for Chamber Awards Banquet:

Karen shared photos of the table and a short discussion was had. It was thought that we should plan to do this again next year.

New Business

Division 512 Rulemaking

The Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6th from 1-5pm.



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Range Camp:

Range Camp is being planned for April 25 through 28th. The Email has gone out to college groups. So far there are approximately 69 participants who would like to come. Chad Boyd will reconnect with the colleges to find out how many staff are planning to come with the students and we should have final numbers by the end of March.

Minutes & Financials:

Minutes for the January and February meetings will be reviewed and approved in March.

Financials were reviewed.

Items for next agenda: Next meeting will be March 19, 2024. The Strategic plan and planning for Range Camp will be the main agenda items.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm
Karen Moon, Coordinator