



Harney County Watershed Council

Monthly Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, June 20, 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 Artize
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, Jason Kesling-SWCD, Holly Mondo

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. It seems that everyone is busy this month, so without a quorum the agenda was reviewed and a discussion of agenda items took place.

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 the BLM is having a hard time hiring seasonal help this summer, while others were traveling most of the past month. Karen shared about water planning

Continuing project updates/action items

Community Based Water Planning update:

Karen gave an update on the water planning collaborative. The Working Groups continued to meet in Holly's absence during her honeymoon. They will present their Step 2 & 3 documents over the summer months and will create a draft issues list and Key takeaway documents for review by the full Collaborative.

Karen and Brenda traveled to Salem and joined Representative Owens in presenting to the Oregon Water Resources Commission on the completed groundwater portion of our plan.

Strategic Planning:

A news release was shared by HDP with regards to partners success on OWEB work. Karen will share a link to the article with members.

With regards to the 25th Anniversary gathering, there were suggestions of several places to hold the meeting. The Committee so far is Jamie, Karen, Pat and Angie. Karen will call Sage Creek Events and a dinner is planned. It was though a weekday evening would be good. A list of council members, past members and employees will be a good place to start.

Other Projects:

Sweek Dam monitoring report has been submitted and approved

Congressional Funds Grant agreement is in the works and should be completed soon.

Five Mile Dam agreement has been received, signed and returned for a final signature from OWEB.

New Business

Budget:

Karen will send out the budget for review and an email vote to approve.



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CWMA Puncturevine Pull Activity:

Karen reminded everyone of the Puncturevine Pull that is coming up. Karen will share the flyer.

Minutes & Financials:

Minutes for May and June will be approved at the July meeting.

Financials were reviewed.

Items for next agenda: Next meeting will be July 19, 2023. Items proposed include CBWP update, Strategic planning, Membership and planning for the event in August.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm

Karen Moon, Coordinator