



Harney County Watershed Council

Monthly Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, June 18, 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 – **Jamie McCormack**
At Large –
General - Rep. Mark Owens
Sportsman –
Education – **Dustin Johnson**
Environmental – Alexa Martinez
County Court – Kristen Shelman
Harney SWCD – Susan Doverspike
BLM – **Matt Obradovich**

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 Jeff Rose, District manager, is retiring from BLM, no replacement has been determined as of yet. An interim district manager has been appointed. Several other new people have joined the team. Dustin shared that things are busy at the Station. All summer students have been hired and field work is getting underway. Parking is becoming challenging at the Station with the new building and all the summer help. Brandon shared that Salmon have been received for the “release” that the Tribe does every year. They will be released on Friday this week. Projects are ongoing. Should be a good field season. They are starting a new Pathogen study with OSU. EDNA will be done on the North Fork of the Malheur. Jamie reported that she is enjoying her new job with the Forest Service, the move is completed for the most part and her work with the USFS is going well.

Continuing project updates/action items

Strategic Planning:

Council members reviewed the Strategic Plan, there was discussion that what is left is the “editing” and working the budget and projections into the document.

Community Based Water Planning update:

An update was not shared this evening. Next meeting will not be until June 25, 2024.

Membership:

Was not discussed this evening

Division 512 Rulemaking

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 27th with a USGS Groundwater model meeting at 10am and then the Rules Committee meeting at 1pm in the afternoon.

New Business



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Range Camp:

Range Camp a short report stating that there were 59 college students that attended camp in April, and for the Range Ecology workshop there were 65 participants the first day and 45 the second day. Both were very successful and had good reviews.

Budget for 24/25

The budget for the upcoming year 2024/25 was reviewed. There were a few questions and those were answered. Due to the internet being very glitchy this evening there was really just a short discussion. Dustin Johnson moved to approve the budget. Matt Obradovich seconded and Karen will send an email to the rest of the Council members for their votes to complete approval.

Minutes & Financials:

Minutes for the January, February and March meetings were reviewed.

Financials were reviewed.

Items for next agenda:

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm
Karen Moon, Coordinator