



Crooked River Weed Management Area

Board Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2017

Present: Ron Halvorson, Kev Alexanian, Mike Crumrine, Dave Langland, Brooke Gray, Rance Kastor and Debbie Wood.

Ron called the meeting to order at 2:05pm

- The minutes from the last meeting (January 10, 2017) were reviewed and a motion was made by Alexanian for approval with a second from Halvorson and unanimous approval from the board.
- Debbie presented financial information for January and February. A motion was made by Gray for approval, with a second from Langland and unanimous approval from the board.

New Business

- **2017 Budget Report:** All grants that were written by Debbie have been approved. Therefore, the total funding for 2017 will be \$199,542.77. Debbie may possibly need some extra help and will need the ability to work full time to complete all necessary work for the approved new and preexisting grants. A motion was made for approval of the 2017 Budget Report by Alexanian, with a second from Crumrine and unanimous approval from the board.
- **2016 Annual Report:** Changes to the 2016 annual report were made from suggestions in the last board meeting. A motion was made by Gray to accept the changes to the 2016 Annual Report with a second from Crumrine and unanimous approval from the board. The report will now be made available on the website and in print for the public and partners.
- **2017 Annual Work Plan:** The annual work plan was reviewed. A motion was made by Gray to accept the work plan as written, with a second from Langland and unanimous approval from the board.
- **Coordinator Hours:** In 2016 Debbie worked 32 hours per week, except during grant writing season. With the increase of work in 2017 due to more grants Debbie would like the ability to work full time if needed. Langland suggested to cap hours at 40 hours per week and review again this fall. A motion was made by Alexanian with a second from Crumrine to increase Debbie's hours to 40 hours per week, pending a review in the fall of 2017. Unanimous approval was given by the board.
- **Conflict of Interest Forms were given to board members and volunteer hour forms.**

Coordinator's Report

- **Computer:** Debbie will be receiving a new computer through OSU which will be supported by OSU's tech team. This will also have the latest ArcGIS supported by OSU's tech team.
- **Scotch Thistle:** We still have money and herbicide for this program. Debbie is working with landowners, Paulisch Homes and Iron Horse.
- **Medusahead:** This project is going well and the resurvey and photos will be done this Spring.

- **Title III:** Kev and Debbie requested continued funding for this program at county court, which they agreed to fund for another three years.
- **Cost-Share:** Applications have been sent out to "A" Listed weed landowners. The program has also been advertised in the OSU Newsletter and at the SWCD Landowner Meeting in Paulina. Applications will be due back May 5th.
- **Grants:** There are four grants this year for OSWB. They are the Scotch & Musk thistle in Crook & Grant Counties, the South Fork Crooked & John Day, the biocontrol for Russian knapweed between Crook & Jefferson Counties and the Sage Grouse Grant, which also added a few new landowners.

Board Member Updates

- **Kastor:** Recently added seed to his neighbor's place.
- **Gray:** Working with a coast based company to survey weeds with a drone and possible spot spray with the drone as well.
- **Crumrine:** A new weed was found in Enterprise called wilted thistle, which is another biennial thistle.
- **Langland:** Weather has kept him home.
- **Alexanian:** Has been spraying roadsides and residuals while listening to Metallica. Traveled to Ashland to speak on HB2043, which would provide base funding for county weed programs and bring back ODA's biocontrol program.

Meeting adjourned at 3:48pm

Brooke Gray
5-9-2017