



Crooked River Weed Management Area

Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2016

Present: Ron Halvorson, Mike Crumrine, Deb Mafera, Kristin Williams, Brooke Gray, Jenny Carson, Priscilla Johnson, Libby Stahancyk.

Halvorson called the meeting to order at 2:11pm.

- The minutes from the last meeting (September 13, 2016) were reviewed, Mafera made a motion to accept the minutes and Crumrine seconded, and the minutes were approved by the board.
- Debbie presented financial information for September and October. The board reviewed final payments. Johnson moved to accept the budget information, Crumrine seconded and the board approved.

Old Business

- Deb Mafera will officially resign from the CRWMA board as well as the position of Secretary and Treasurer. As Mafera held the two positions as one our board policy must be updated to show the split of this position into two separate positions. Williams made a motion to split this position into two separate positions of secretary and treasurer, therefore, making the change within our board policy. Halvorson seconded and the board approved.
- Election of Treasurer and Secretary- Gray voluntold to take on the position of secretary and Johnson voluntold to become treasurer. Stahancyk made a motion to approve Gray as the new secretary and Johnson as the new treasurer. Williams seconded and the board approved.

Coordinator Updates

- ODA Site Visit: Tristan Berg, Tim Butler, Mike Crumrine, Kev Alexanian and Debbie held a tour for ODA to visit sites from the Scotch Thistle grant. It went well with high praise from Kev on Debbie's performance. During the visit the group met a landowner, Tom Burke, who recently purchased a piece of land in Powell Butte infested with Scotch thistle. They were able to inform him of the program and Debbie will continue to help him with herbicide in the future.

Mike pitched the idea of a grant for the biocontrol of Russian knapweed, which would have cooperation from APHIS through in-kind funds and support. Debbie already has 30+ landowners committed to participate if the grant is approved. Priscilla mentioned this would be great for locations such as hidden falls where the only other major noxious weed is Canada thistle, already controlled through bio-control releases.

- Post/Paulina Medusahead Grant: Aerial spraying of medusahead was completed October 30th with minimal complications. Columbia Basin Helicopters completed the job in 5 days on over 12 landowners, spraying 7,290 acres in all. There was some concern over the bacteria application from local applicators. This is a matter of the label vs the applicator. Legally this is a soil amendment treatment and should not be labeled a bio-herbicide when referencing the application of bacteria.

Overall this has been a very successful project with more landowners signing up each year and new collaboration like ODFW committing funds for additional treatment of Plateau for medusahead.

Debbie will now be completing the monitoring of the project using photo analysis, soil type, as per NRCS, and pH.

- TITLE III Medusahead: Kev and Debbie have been working on the FIREWISE Right-of-Way medusahead treatments in Ochoco West, Juniper Canyon, Longhorn Ridge, and PLA II. Mafera mentioned they should look to add Bluebird/Hill road in future treatments as these roads directly connect to BLM access points.
- Cost-Share: This should be wrapped up soon, with just a few invoices still out. Debbie was approached by Brad Santucci for reimbursement of a yellow starthistle treatment. Brad had not applied for cost-share and Debbie was unaware of his treatment's. The board decided because the treatment was done properly they would fund the application, but in the future he must complete a cost-share application to receive reimbursement. Debbie is also going to check on the success of the treatment prior to reimbursement. Priscilla inquired on the status of Jim Woods Scotch thistle. Debbie said Jim claimed the Scotch thistle patch in question had been treated.
- USFS Agreement: This continues to support the CRWMA website. Debbie will also have a completed tabletop display by May 2017
- Grant Writing: Currently Debbie is writing three OSWB grants. The first is for Scotch and Musk thistle in collaboration with Amy Stiner at South Fork John Day Watershed Council. Second is the Russian knapweed biocontrol with Jefferson County and third is for year three of the Post/Paulina medusahead treatment.

Board Member Updates

- Mike Crumrine: Wrapped up Fall treatments. For the first time ever he was pulled over and questioned by OSP about his roadside medusahead treatments along HWY 20 in Sisters. He and Kev work is completed, milfoil treatments at Haystack Res. Unfortunately due to the spotted frog water was drawn down to a minimum and the effectiveness of the treatment may come into play, especially if they draw levels back up too soon. Mike is working on BLM treatments down south and preparing for INW in Corvallis. He will be working in the near future with Debbie on an unofficial grant review of the medusahead grant.
- Jenny Carson: Successful year meeting treatment targets. She is working with the regional invasive plant coordinator to initiate a regional plan to create more local partnerships for IPM. This should be implemented by 2018. Germination of annuals has exploded this year so they are adding glyphosate to all their treatments.
- Deb Mafera: Moving to Salida, Colorado at the end of the month.
- Brooke Gray: Just completed OWEB plots for seeding trials within medusahead infestations. They will also measure soil temp and moisture to see how this affects

seeding success. Gathered leftover bacteria and will apply at the 2gal/ac rate to test effectiveness.

- Kristin Williams: Have had challenges with medusahead treatments so she hired a new intern who will treat Russian knapweed in Clarno and Medusahead on the S. Fork Crooked. They will also seed the S. Fork. She has a pesticide use proposal for medusahead at Cabin Butte where native seed will also be planted over snow this winter. They found a new site of *Achnatherum hendersonii* (Henderson's needlegrass) at Cabin Butte so they will cease glyphosate treatments at this location.
- Priscilla Johnson: Just completed three restorations grants, with three new landowners who would like to apply next round so the SWCD is very busy. February 16, 2017 is their Annual Landowner Workshop, to be featuring the Moffit Muppets from NRCS.
- Libby Stahancyk: South County Heli just completed 500 acres of medusahead treatments in the Teaters Basin. They also heli-seeded last year's treatments. South County also sprayed 300 acres along Camp Creek and the S. Fork Crooked for a menagerie of weeds.

Motion made for adjournment at 3:40 pm. Next meeting will be January 10, 2017

Brooke Gray,

Secretary 8 November 2016