



Crooked River Weed Management Area

Board Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2016

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

Ron called the meeting to order at 2:00.

- The minutes from the last meeting (July 12, 2016) were reviewed. Priscilla made a motion to accept the minutes and Kev seconded, and the minutes were approved as presented.
- Debbie presented financial information for July and August. Debbie explained the check to Mike Mohan CPA. Brooke made motion to accept the treasurer report as presented. Priscilla seconded motion and it was unanimously passed.

Coordinator's Report

- Crook County Fair- Debbie thanked all the volunteers for taking care of the booth and the board discussed the event including location for next year and the experiences they had.
- Scotch thistle project – Debbie has turned in the interim report with a total of 491 acres treated. There is some remaining herbicide that Debbie will continue to use a motivation for landowners.
- Medusahead project – Debbie is working with landowners, surveying, and choosing test plot sites on different soil types. Aerial spray depending on weather will be scheduled sometime in October.
- Puncturevine- Debbie has been approached regarding the puncturevine issues in the school and on bike paths.
- Title III – Kev and Debbie sent letters for fall treatment of medusahead.
- Cost share program – Debbie has a due date for December for all Cost-Share receipts. She is continuing to contact and remind landowners.

Grant Application Brainstorm

- ✓ Continue with Scotch program: Use leftover herbicide as an in-kind contribution, and use Title III as matching funds for outreach. Ask OSWB for money for program management and monitoring. The board is thrilled with Debbie's idea to add the newly sited musk thistle in the Suplee area. Dave and Mike encouraged a co-application with Grant County to combine efforts.
- ✓ Med sage: Describe situation of changing property owners and older landowners not capable of managing their land. Mike reported that the bio control has not been very effective.
- ✓ BioControl for Russian Knapweed- Mike proposed an application for gathering and releasing biocontrol for the area. It was strongly supported by all.

Coordinator Hours

Ron presented the hours for the coordinator including the job description and the board discussed the discrepancy. Dave thought the board had already approved a 32 hour work week.

Priscilla motioned to accept the new hourly description as presented with a second from Brooke. Motion passed unanimously. Board discussed the support of Debbie going full time with enough grant funding.

Secretary/Treasurer Topics

As per Deb `s suggestion the board will divide her work load into a "secretary" and "treasurer" position. Brooke Gray and Kristin Williams volunteered to share the secretary position with Brooke taking the lead and Kristen being the back up. Priscilla Johnson volunteered to take on the treasurer role. Kev motioned to remove Deb Mafera from the checking account and add Priscilla Johnson with check signing authority. Motion was seconded by Brooke Gray and the motion passed unanimously. Upon approval of the minutes in November, the change will be made to the bank account.

Board Member Updates

Kristin is still waiting for the court decision on the EA being disputed by Blue Mountain Biodiversity Group.

Kev updated on the county activities and treatments.

Brooke reported the TNC is preparing for fall treatment and a prescribed fire.

Mike said the ODA is going through transitions due to the a few retirements. He will keep us up to date as things progress

Meeting adjourned at 4:30

Priscilla Johnson
September 14, 2016