



Crooked River Weed Management Area

Board Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2017

Present: Ron Halvorson, Priscilla Johnson, Berta Youtie, Dave Langland, Dan Sherwin, Sarah Callaghan, and Debbie Wood.

Ron called the meeting to order at 2:00. No quorum so no motions or decisions made.

- The minutes from March 14, 2017 were reviewed. Error to the minutes on number of grants approved was found. Correction to be made.
- Debbie presented detailed financial information for March and April.

Coordinator's Report

- OSWB – Sage Grouse and Scotch Thistle grants from last year have final reports due at the end of June. Debbie has begun contacting partners and landowners for this year's grants. Debbie, Kev, Ron, and Dave collected galls for Russian knapweed.
- SARE - Monitoring of medusahead is beginning.
- USFS- Debbie is working with Sarah to complete the USFS agreement including an outreach display and brochure. Sarah mentioned that the new agreement should be ready in a few weeks.
- Cost share program – Debbie presented the list of cost-share requests from landowners for review. Board suggested careful monitoring of a few new requests and discussed the potential impacts of the others. If funds become short, Priscilla is able to offset the cost of Lazy BJ and MS Ranch with the Upper Beaver Creek project.
- Debbie has been receiving requests from Ochoco West for assistance with Russian knapweed and medusahead.

Board Member Updates

- Rance Kastor was unable to attend, but he encouraged attention be given to adding native seed to programs.
- Sarah shared the FS update including an anticipated decrease of 10% in the upcoming budget. Dr. Tamzin Stringhan will be presenting in two weeks regarding the Crooked River Grasslands ecology studies with a focus on the disturbance response groups.
- Ron spoke with Jim Van Vlek regarding the volunteer work being completed on the City Wetlands for monitoring invasive species. Sarah asked who the contact is for the wetlands in case others want to assist or plan restoration events.

- Dan Sherwin moved to Crook County and is currently on the Oregon Invasive Species Board. He has been working to talk to state representatives in support of the state priority to weed programs.
- Priscilla (SWCD) submitted two large restoration grants including Debbie surveying time and cost-share funds.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20.

Priscilla Johnson
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