



Crooked River Weed Management Area

Board Meeting Minutes

March, 10 2015

2:00PM – 4:00PM

Present: Ron Halvorson, Chris Gannon, Priscilla Johnson, Brooke Gray, Debbie Wood, Kev Alexanian, Mike Crumrine, Dave Langland.

Ron called the meeting to order at 2:00.

- The minutes from the last meeting (February 17, 2015) were reviewed, Brooke made a motion to accept the minutes, Kev seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved by the board.
- Ron mentioned that we have committed to insurance for the board and are waiting to be billed.
- Debbie reviewed the budget and noted that we have had some income received from grants in the last month. These include payments from the ODA Tri-County and Scotch thistle grant as well as the \$25,000 from Crook County through the Title III funds. This is the last year for \$25,000 in 2016 & 2017 the CRWMA will receive about \$17,000 per year.

2015 Grants Update

- ODA Not Approved-Lower Crooked River Noxious Weed Coordination
- Approved-Crooked River Scotch Thistle Project: This is a wonderful project and well liked within ODA
- Approved-Restoring Sage Grouse Habitat: There was strong opposition and it will be watched carefully so we will need to be very consistent with the monitoring. Langland said the main thing to focus on is to create a standard prioritization to be used by all. Brooke suggested we send Debbie to SGI working groups and meetings to help her wrap her head around the sage grouse movement. Priscilla reminded the board to look over the list of funded projects from ODA and begin to think about what we want to propose for 2016
- Important pieces of a funded ODA grant (Mike): ODA looks for...
 - A-rated or target species
 - Multi partner projects
 - Priority areas
 - History of the project site
- Yellow Flag Iris: The board would like to explore the possibility of writing a grant for the control of yellow flag iris. This will be good timing with our BLM, Yellow flag iris project going down in June. We need to figure out how to engage Deschutes County.

New Business:

- June Weed Pull: Last summer a neighbor came in to talk about Dalmatian toadflax up Juniper Canyon. At the time it was too late to treat. Therefore, it's a proposed site for a Crook County Weed Pull. We will table the date for a later time after we have talked to the landowners
- Coordinator Training: Debbie is looking at a Quickbooks class and possibly a grant writing class. Chris would like to know about the timing and cost? Langland suggested waiting until fall when we may have a grant she is working on to use in the class. The board would like her to go to a Quickbooks course of her choice.

- Up Coming Projects: Debbie looked into the Oregon Community Foundation who has a grant application deadline for July. This grant would be for a computer. Otherwise we could move to a Facebook grant, which is due in December. This may also cover community outreach as well. Deschutes County Library, grant makers panel- a forum with many community foundation leaders who will answer questions and give advice.

Board Member Updates

- Kev-Weed Workshop: Deschutes County Fairgrounds, March 18th & 19th. Worth 15 applicator credits. Nearly completed the Homeowner's Handbook for weed control. It's been tough finding the right products for Turf and Ornamental landscapes. Should be done by March 23rd, with a 50 copy first run to be given out at the Extension office, etc.
- Chris-City of Prineville Wetlands Project will break ground this year. They may look to the CRWMA for consultation on the weed problems.
- Brooke-spraying medusahead because it's still less than an inch tall
- Mike-finalized grants and got revina (pampus) grass and hoary elyssum listed on the state weed list. The next time we do a weed list update we should consider listing these because they are nearby. Mike has no seasonal this year due to budget cuts. Having trouble with yellow floating heart and controlling it because it is still being supplied around the state. The nurseries claim that it's actually a different species.

Motions made for adjournment at 3:45 pm.

Brooke Gray, Secretary-Part Time
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