**CWMA Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**April 3, 2024**

**Basement Conference Room, Harney County Courthouse**

Present: Christina Tinsley, U.S. Forest Service; Jim Campbell, Harney County; Andrew Donaldson, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Karen Moon, Harney County Watershed Council; Tyler Goss, CWMA; Jason Kesling and Barbara Pearson, Harney Soil and Water Conservation District

Jason called the meeting to order at 1:46 pm.

Introductions were made as Christina Tinsley is new to CWMA meetings. She is serving as an interim.

**Action items**

**Approval of March 2024 Meeting Minutes**

There were no corrections or additions. Karen moved approving the minutes; Jim seconded. There were no oppositions and the motion passed.

**Financials**

Jason added the SOWR II funding to the financial report. He explained the report, stating most of the charging has been against CWMA admin for the last quarter. SOWR funding and county collaboratives were explained to Christina, and Jim also provided a brief history of CWMA. Discussion followed. There were no questions or comments. Drew moved and Karen seconded approval of the financial report as presented. There were no oppositions.

**Project Progress and Updates**

Tyler had emailed a revised and cleaned up version of the Bylaws to CWMA members. He reminded members the MOA was tabled until such time as it was needed. The word “county” is to be removed from the title. There was brief discussion as to what 2/3’s for approval meant. Karen asked about length of terms and Tyler said that in previous discussion it was changed to the term being annual with a review (Section 2, terms). Jim moved approval of the Bylaws; Karen seconded. No one was in opposition.

**Banners**

Tyler proposed two banners (prototypes were sent to members prior to the meeting); One was for the Goathead pull and the other for the Free Spray Day. Dates are not included in the banners as Tyler plans to put laminated dates to adjust as needed. Karen wondered about a banner at each end of town for the events. Discussion followed on price, size, location, text on the banners. Prior approval had been given for purchase; this was just to finalize. Jason agreed about two banners. He also suggested Tyler produce banner that lists all participating agencies of the CWMA, providing the agencies are in favor of being listed. Christina will check with the USDA/Forest Service for the correct logo.

**New business**

Tyler said the Free Spray Day has been scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2024 to coincide with the county’s Firewise Day.

Tyler submitted SOWR acres to USFWS. Kailee Littlefield of HDP will monitor the effectiveness of spraying. Tyler will reach out to Riley landowners for Title II medusahead and knapweed treatments. Jim said Spotted knapweed (?) is getting out of control as well.

Tyler, Jess and Christina will meet separately regarding Title II Scope of work for 2024 and Boot brush stations will be discussed.

Karen Moon reminded attendees about Range Camp, April 25-28. Sixty-four participants have signed up from seven colleges.

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm