

DRAFT MINUTES

Benton County CWMA STEERING COMMITTEE June 25, 2013

BSWCD Conference Room
456 SW Monroe Ave., Suite 110
Corvallis, Oregon

Present:

Holly Crosson, BSWCD

William Vogt, Oregon Military Dept.

Steven McLay, Oregon Military Dept.

Kristen Larson, Luckiamute WC

Taylor Williams, BSWCD (intern)

Seema Mangla, Oregon State

Heath Keirstead, BSWCD

Maggie Livesay, OSU Extension

Peter Kenagy, Farm Bureau

Laurie Starha, Benton County Public Works

I. ADMINISTRATION

- Meeting opened at 11:00 a.m. with introductions

II. APPROVE BYLAWS

- Holly will send her editorial changes to Heath. Kristen: Article III, section 1 move to Article II last line. Kristen moved to approve the Bylaws with changes; Laurie seconded the motion. All approved with changes.

III. REVIEW EFFORTS OF ACTION TEAMS

- Review progress on weed board research
 1. Heath provided an update.
- The Outreach Campaign
 1. Contract with Teamworks to do the outreach. Outline was provided. Need to develop the draft a little bit further. A follow-up with what works and what doesn't needs to be completed. Three priorities were identified: 1) Private landowners 2) Public Landowners 3) Recreationalists
 2. Action would be products and advertising.
- The Species List
 1. Heath reviewed plant list (74 in all) and requested comment back from group. The definition tab needs changes. Heath suggested having another meeting with this group and encourages more membership.
- Landscape Level Priorities
 - The focus is around Finley Wildlife Refuge. Can the group recommend other areas? Peter suggested a coordinated effort. Concerns about limiting the priorities to one or two areas. **ACTION ITEM:** Add the agricultural weeds to the EDRR list.

IV. LEGACY GRANT

- William and Steve provided background information on the Department of Defense Legacy Program. The grant components: can be used to educate neighbors, cannot focus on T & E species, it is a stand-alone product, has an ecosystem approach, can fund a single or multi-year project, must have deliverables for each year, can be a new or existing project, stronger project if there is a cultural resource piece (apple trees do count). Anyone can apply for the grant. The administration and overhead cost account for 17.5%, not sure if there is additional funds for project management. Great opportunity for the CWMA to work on to put a project together. If anyone has ideas, send to Heath.

V. IDEAS FOR FULL GROUP MEETING AGENDA

- Give a report/update on: Where the State of Oregon is with the weed program; Discussion of legislation that is more stringent on invasive; Quarries; Impacts from "mom and pop" nurseries; Possible speaker from the nursery industry or State of California CWMA.

VI. OTHER

- Peter brought up the issue of yellow floating heart and that Glenn (ODA) will be conducting a trial treatment on July 12th.

VII. ADJOURNMENT