

**MINUTES**  
**Crescent Gilchrist Community Action Team**  
 Fourth Quarter Meeting: January 13, 2020

Call to order: Community Action Team meeting, held in Gilchrist, OR on October 14, 2019. The meeting convened at 8:02 AM. Echo Murray presiding.

<b><u>Board Members in attendance:</u></b>	
Echo Murray	Walker Range & NK Cohorts
John C. Driscoll	CGCAT Secretary
<b><u>Advisory Members in attendance</u></b>	
Renee Kapp	North Klamath Outreach
Chuck Lawrence	Crescent Sanitary District
Jarod Johnson	ODOT
Mike Johnson	U.S. Forest Service
Caleb Ratliff	OSP
Adam Raffel	La Pine Health Center
Hannan Smith	U.S. Forest Service
Christina Ververka	U.S. Forest Service
Dylan Webb	Crescent Fire Department
Rolon Williams	ODOT
<b><u>Board Members not in attendance:</u></b>	
Ben Ives	CGCAT Treasure
<b><u>Advisory Members not in Attendance:</u></b>	
Rawdy Allen	ODOT
Jim Chadderon	Discover Klamath
John Pellissier	Oregon Dept of Forestry
Dave Crider	North Klamath County Ground Water
Donnie Boyd	Klamath County Commissioner
Darren Frank	Klamath County Sheriff's Office
Bruce Hall	Big Pines RV Park
Jon Fitch	ODOT
Ben Sunderland	Walker Rim Riders
<b><u>Guests:</u></b>	
Lillian Cross	CCC (Back Pack Program) & NK Cohorts
Beth Hatcher	CCC (President CCC)
Jerry Vroman	CAT and Community Member

**CG-CAT Echo Murray:**

Meeting called to order at 08:06 a.m. by Dylan Webb. After opening the meeting Dylan Webb announced that Donnie Boyd has replaced Derrick DeGroot as north Klamath County Commissioner. Dylan Webb then resigned, effective immediately, as CAT President. His resignation was accepted. Dylan Webb continues as an advisory member of the CAT. He represents the Crescent Fire Department. Echo Murray, in her capacity as vice president, took charge of the CAT meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Dylan Webb Nelson to accept previous minutes as submitted. Echo Murray seconded the motions. Approved by aye vote. Minutes of October 14, 2019 approved.

**Treasurer Report:**

No Treasurer's Report was presented. The Treasurer was unable to attend today's meeting.

**CAT Secretary – John C. Driscoll**

Secretary had nothing to report.

**Correspondence**

Dylan Webb's letter of resignation as CAT President was the only correspondence received since the October 14, 2019 CAT meeting.

**Old Business**

There was no new business.

**New Business**

1. Ben Ives is now serving at the CAT Treasure.
2. The position of CAT President is vacant. Candidates for CAT President are encouraged to apply.
3. Donnie Boyd has replaced Derrick DeGroot as County Commissioner for north Klamath County.

**Reports –**

**Rolon Williams - ODOT:**

Crescent sidewalk repairs commence this spring. Obtaining bids for the work is the first step. It may prove necessary to accomplish the work in two phases. ODOT will coordinate Crescent sidewalk work with Crescent Sanitary District. Echo Murray noted that "Do Not Pass" signs are missing from the south end of Crescent. Lack of the signs is a safety issue.

**Michael Johnson - Crescent Ranger District:**

While Daniel Rife is off on a detail to the Malheur National Forest, Michael Johnson is serving acting District Ranger. Preparations have commenced for Spring/Summer/Fall projects on Crescent Ranger District.

**Charles Lawrence – Crescent Sanitary District.**

Work has commenced on the Main Street connector. The project is currently two months ahead of schedule. Its completion remains subject to weather conditions. The technical aspects of the system's operation were described. As a result of the impending completion of the Crescent Sewer System, north Klamath County is generating more building permit activity than any other area in Klamath County.

**Beth Hatcher – Crescent Community Club**

Harvest Bingo – 2019 and Winter Wishes – 2019 were very successful. This year's Harvest Bingo event was attended by more than 220 individuals. Santa's arrival during Winter Wishes was the one of the event's high points. This spring T-Ball will return to Crescent Community Club. The program is intended for children aged 4-6. Cycle Oregon grant work has been completed.

**Lil Cross – Backpack Program**

Year to date more than 300 bags have been prepared for children who are participating in the Backpack Program. The bags are prepared from multi-day school breaks. Demand has increased over last year. Now an average of 60 children receive bags. The Backpack program's spread sheet accompanies these minutes.

### **Crescent Rural Fire Protection District**

2019 was another record year for calls and transports for the Crescent Rural Fire Protection District. There were 509 calls and 293 transports. This is the fourth consecutive year that has seen an increase over the previous year. Working with Central Oregon Community College and open to working with Klamath Community College for students. Hope to generate interest among Gilchrist students in emergency services careers.

### **Christina Ververka – Botanist, US Forest Service**

With the coming of spring knap weed and other invasive species will come into bloom. In Crescent the weed problem is particularly acute and noticeable. The Forest Service will conduct an education program and will work with ODOT and Klamath County, as well as local property owners, to eradicate invasive weed species. Eradicating the plants before they go to seed is particularly important. An invasive species information sheet accompanies these minutes.

### **Caleb Ratliff – OSP**

Darrin Bean has retired from OSP. He is going to start working for Klamath County. Chuck Lawrence reiterated the need for a visible, resident, law enforcement presence in north Klamath County. SGT Caleb Ratliff reviewed the successful efforts to capture Holloway. Echo Murray reiterated the need for area residents and the CAT to vocally lobby for the reestablishment in north Klamath County of a visible, resident, law enforcement presence. John Driscoll made a motion that the CAT send a letter advocating for a resident county law enforcement presence to the County Commissioners. Darrin Bean is an excellent candidate since he already resides in the north county. Chuck Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.

### **Rene Kapp – North Klamath Outreach:**

North Klamath Outreach working with the Gilchrist School to combat human trafficking. An event will take place at the school during April. The flyer for the event is attached. It was previously emailed to the CAT. The human trafficking problem is growing. Highway 97 is a corridor for human trafficking.

### **Announcements**

Individuals wishing to serve the CAT as its president are encouraged to make known their interest.

Echo Murray adjourned the meeting at 9:44 AM.

**Next quarterly meeting scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2020 - 8 AM  
@ 150 Mountain View Drive, Gilchrist, OR**

Meeting Minutes submitted by: John C. Driscoll