

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
APRIL 20, 2017
MINUTES

Call meeting to order: Tim Reich @ 1:03pm

Present: Karl Jensen-Lawrence CD, Kim Smeenck-SD Envirothon, Tanse Herrmann-NRCS, Dave Ollila-SDSU Extension, Kevin Hodge-NRCS, Joe Nichols-USFWS, Cody Grewing-GF&P, Justin Boerboom-NRCS, Bill Anderson-BFID, Dale Lundgren-Elk Creek CD, Matt Stoltenberg, Tate Lantz-NRCS RC FSO, Tim Reich-Butte CD and Yvette Kirkman-Butte CD/BFRWP

Minutes of the January meeting were emailed, Karl moved to approve as written, Bill seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Treasurer's Report – Karl reviewed the treasurer's report, Dale moved to approve and pay bills as presented, Bill seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Discussion was held regarding the audit and how the partnership would like to proceed moving forward with future audits, options were presented and the board was in agreement to continue with the Financial Review option as it fit the requirements of the funding sources and so on, Karl made the motion to pursue Fin Reviews moving forward, Bill seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Kim Smeenck reported on the SD Envirothon and the state competition held on April 2-3, the RC Stevens team was the state winner going on to the Natl. Comp. in Maryland. Kim also updated the group on future competition plans and the planning for the next session, hoping to get notifications early to be worked in to the education schedule for 2018.

Matt Stoltenberg reviewed the budget, clearing up Segment 7 and moving in to Segment VIII. The board discussed some internal adjustments, Karl moved to adjust funds between line items to meet demand, Bill seconded, all in favor, motion carried. I&E events, Hay Day June 22-\$300, Range Camp -\$500 and SRM Tour McPherson - \$500 and the remaining funds for CSP tours, Karl moved to approve these items, Bill seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Upcoming pivot projects were reviewed, Karl moved to approve the top 3 projects for beginning prep and pend the 4th & 5th, Dale seconded, all in favor, motion carried. New range/riparian projects are not to exceed 75% and the addition of solar projects, up to \$5k not to exceed 50/50, Karl moved to approve the docket, Dale seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Project goals of \$15k per project, Dale moved to pre-approve all and to not exceed 75% cost share with a max of \$15k, Bill seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Lawrence will be submitting a CCG for irrigation scheduling and will be the administrator of that grant if approved.

Other Grants

Joe Nichols-USFWS reported on some smaller projects he will be working on with NFWF funds.

Cody Grewing-GF&P will be working on riparian projects and woody habitat for winter cover, including willow plantings.

Dave Ollila reported on upcoming Rangeland/Soils Days June 20-21 and that the next 2 years will be Codington/Campbell county host. He noted a project in the works testing use of forage sorghum vs corn silage. He will be in OK City along with Mitch Faulkner-NRCS for National Range Judging.

Next meeting July 13 @ 1pm