

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
JANUARY 21, 2016
MINUTES

Call meeting to order: Tim Reich @ 1pm

Present: Karl Jensen-Lawrence CD, Tanse Herrmann-NRCS, Nate Jagim-Meade W&P, Jared Oswald-RESPEC, Anine Rosse-DENR, Cody Grewing-GF&P, Valerie Riter-NRCS, Dave Ollila-SDSU Ext., Mitch Iverson-BLM, Dale Lundgren-Elk Creek CD, Bill Anderson-BFID, Matt Stoltenberg-Project Coord., Tim Reich-Butte CD and Yvette Kirkman-Butte CD/BFRWP

Introductions were made around the table to get everyone familiar

Minutes of the August meeting were sent out, Karl Jensen moved to approve, Bill Anderson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Karl Jensen presented the treasurer's report, Bill Anderson moved to approve, Dale Lundgren seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Matt Stoltenberg reviewed the current budget for Segment 7 (see handout) and the bulk of the funds are invested. Matt indicated that several projects were complete, 5 range and 5 irrigation and each (Rng & Irr) had 2 projects underway.

Matt discussed the Leopold Award Donation and the continued support of the BFRWP, Karl Jensen moved to approve \$1000 sponsorship, Bill Anderson seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Matt also mentioned a need for some promo adv. items and a potential budget to work with to secure some items. Karl moved to approve \$1000 (not to exceed) for promo items, Bill seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Jared Oswald and Matt Stoltenberg will be traveling to Pierre Jan. 27th to meet with DENR and review the BFRWP 10 year plan and what the group would like to see moving forward and building on what has already been accomplished.

Anine Rosse mentioned the importance of monitoring but realizes that it is a big expense but needed on big ticket projects like ag waste and irrigation. DENR finds the data informative and useful, using Horse Creek as a good example of what happens during storm events vs. return flows.

Matt moved on to the Segment 7 Amendment and that we are waiting on final approval from EPA and should have funds available by the end of June. Matt also brought up the idea of a grazing demo, farming for forage, potentially providing cost share for seed but would like to have a meeting to include NRCS, SDSU Ext. and CBH to brainstorm.

Nate Jagim reported on the Weed Rehab Project (Phragmites) and also the Russian Olive removal demo site. This will potentially be the final year on the weed rehab project, the Marsh Master was utilized again in 2015 and a large area was treated

just north of Hwy 34. The W&P Commission will meet in Feb. at Aberdeen and Nate will know if they have additional funds for the project. Harvesting will begin within the next month and stock has been ordered for 2016 rehab. Nate also indicated that NWTF has awarded \$5k in funding. Regarding the Russian Olive removal demo, hope to have some valuable data to present by the end of the project. Initial foliar and cutting treatments have been made on the Russian Olive site but there will be follow-up treatments and data collection to show how effective the treatments were and a cost per acre. The weed management is always looking for good projects and potentially something to represent bio vs chem treatment for weeds.

Work on the financial audit has begun, just in the initial phase of engagement letters and list of documents CPA will need for now, no date has been set for review.

Tim reported that the Conservation Commission could potentially be holding its summer meeting in the hills and might be an opportunity for a tour.

Dave Ollila informed the group of the Jim Gerrish Workshop coming up in Feb.

Mitch Iverson presented a couple of projects that BLM is working on and a project that may need the assistance of BFRWP and/or NRCS. He also reviewed some of the upcoming projects and some issues that are holding up the lease process, monitoring and sage grouse.

Next meeting will be March 17th @ 1pm, First Interstate Bank, BF