

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP  
MARCH 5, 2015  
MINUTES

Call meeting to order: Tim Reich @ 1pm

Present: Tim Reich-Butte CD, Karl Jensen-Lawrence CD, Sarah Eggebo-NRCS, Dave Ollila-SDSU Ext., Justin Boerboom-NRCS, Tom Berdan-SD GF&P, Matt Stoltenberg, Cliff Conry-Butte CD, Ron Koth-Barr Engineering, Jared Oswald-RESPEC, Joe Nichols-USFWS, Mitch Adams-USFWS, Tanse Herrmann-NRCS, Anine Rosse-DENR, Nate Jagim-Meade W&P, Bill Anderson-BFID and Yvette Kirkman-Butte CD

Introductions were made around the table.

Minutes of the December meeting were made available, upon review, Karl Jensen moved to approve the minutes, Bill Anderson seconded, all in favor, motion carried. The treasurer's report was presented, Karl Jensen moved to approve, Tim Reich seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Matt Stoltenberg gave updates on Segment 6 budget. Monitoring will continue and it was suggested to invest the remaining irrigation funds into one project. Karl moved to go ahead with the new pivot project, Tim seconded, all in favor, motion carried. 2014 Audit will take place mid-March, Karl moved to transfer funds from BMP to I&E for those expenses, Tim seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Moving on to Segment 7, funds (\$793k) will not be available for investment until August 1<sup>st</sup>. At this time Matt asked for approval of the cost-docket for future projects, Karl moved to approve the cost-docket presented, Tim seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

West River No-Till Council – The group is building momentum and has had a lot of interest in soil health. Approx. 28 producers have had discussion on cover crops, rotation and residue. There will be tour at the Dakota Lakes Research Farm in Pierre on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Funding has been made available for a small Russian Olive project. The project will be focused on I&E and the development of a demo site to determine what is best for management practices. An informational meeting on Hoary Cress and funding for management will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup> at Nisland, following that discussion the Russian Olive project will be discussed and public feedback is appreciated.

Ron Koth and Jared Oswald shared a handout, a brief synopsis of what has transpired since the last meeting with regard to the Spearfish Creek folks. After

brief discussion, Matt suggested a meeting with the State Conservationist, Jeff Zimprich and that the watershed would be willing to facilitate that. The challenge facing the group will be coming up with matching funds for any future projects.

Dave Ollila, SDSU Ext., addressed the group and informed them of a few changes in Range Camp, it will now have youth and professional aspects. Dave made a sponsorship request, as the BFRWP has contributed in the past. Karl moved to approve \$500 toward the youth range camp, Bill Anderson seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Dave also had a few announcements of upcoming events and mentioned the Cammack Spring Ag show to be held April 16-17 and potentially having a West River No-Till Council booth represented. Sturgis C of C is also hosting a 5 State Expo, April 24-25 and may be a good opportunity for a presentation.

Nate Jagim, Meade W&P, updated the group on the Phragmites weed rehab project and the application for another \$50k to invest in management. He also offered to do a presentation of what has been accomplished thus far on the project, if the board approved.

It was noted that the watershed demo trailer was in need of a few repairs and the idea of doing a refresher on the demos it can provide was suggested.

Next meeting will be June 11, 2015 @ 1pm, First Interstate Bank, BF

\*Actions via email

Jan. 26, 2015 – Segment 7 budget amendment was suggested by DENR, Matt Stoltenberg explained the highlights, Karl Jensen moved to approve the amendment, Bill Anderson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.