

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
JULY 13, 2017
MINUTES

Call meeting to order @ 1:10pm – Tim Reich

Present: Karl Jensen-Lawrence CD, Jeff VanderWilt-NRCS, Justin Boerboom-NRCS, Anine Rosse-DENR, Tanse Herrmann-NRCS, Joe Nichols-USFWS, Bill Anderson-BFID, Dale Lundgren-Elk Creek CD, Tim Reich-Butte CD, Kim Smeenk-SD Envirothon, Matt Stoltenberg-Consultant and Yvette Kirkman-Butte CD/BFRWP

Introductions were made around the table.

Minutes were presented for review, Karl moved to approve the minutes, Bill seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Karl Jensen reviewed the treasurer's report, Bill moved to approve the treasurer's report, Dale seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Kim Smeenk delivered an update on the SD Envirothon, stating that the SD State winners (Rapid City Stevens FFA) would be heading to Maryland at the end of the month for the National competition. Tentative dates for the 2018 competition are mid to late April and Kim stated they are considering using the East/West Outdoor Campus' as locations for the state competitions in the future. A partner meeting is scheduled for August 30th in Pierre to work out some ideas for 2018 and currently planning an "Envirothon on the Road" format with workshops and continue to promote Conservation District involvement.

Matt Stoltenberg updated the group on the budget. Segment 7 has been completed and final report is in progress, 14 cost-share projects were completed and 3 additional piggy-back projects. Segment 8 will begin as soon as the money is released and contracts are signed. Anine Rosse-DENR, suggested a shift in focus toward riparian health and continued monitoring.

Upcoming tours in Butte (grazing) and Meade (including SRM and 2 other producers) counties. Range Camp included 40 adult/professional participants and 8-10 youth participants.

Anine Rosse shared a bank stabilization power point sharing several before and after sites along the Belle Fourche River and highlighting the influences on the erosion and included a handout.

Jeff VanderWilt was on hand from the NRCS State Office in Huron to discuss RCPP and its potential as a funding source. Jeff shared a couple of handouts highlighting

the important points about the program. There is no 1:1 requirement for match only some and endless possibilities for projects. Up to \$10 million is available over a 5 year period for projects and funds are available immediately so projects can go as fast or slow as you wanted.

In closing, upcoming events were mentioned and the date for the next meeting was set for **September 14th @ 1pm.**