

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
DECEMBER 4, 2008
MINUTES

Call meeting to order: Tim Reich @ 1pm

Present: Tom Quinn-NRCS, Karl Jensen-Lawrence CD, Steve Fairbairn-USFWS, Matt Stoltenberg-RESPEC, Dave Kimble-SD GF&P, Jared Oswald-RESPEC, Rod Baumberger-Consultant, Tim Reich-Butte CD, Clint Pitts-BFID and Robert Smith-SD DENR

Clint Pitts moved to approve the minutes with one name correction (Jason to Jared in paragraph 3), Karl Jensen seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Karl Jensen reviewed the treasurer's report, to date; \$32,500 in irrigation funds have yet to be allocated and \$34,000 in range funds have yet to be allocated. These dollars need to be obligated and spent by June 2009. Clint Pitts moved to approve the treasurer's report, Karl seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Matt Stoltenberg passed out a handout and gave the field report. Matt reviewed progress on acres implemented and everything seems to be on track.

Partnership I&E Funds – Approximately \$14,000 was set aside for a workshop but the workshop is probably not going to work out, however, the BFRWP does need to update their color brochures and written material, so some of that allocation will be used for that need.

BFRWP is looking good on matching funds and still have a lot of match that isn't yet documented. Tom Quinn will work with Matt Stoltenberg after the first of the year to bring all of the match dollars up to a current level.

Jared reviewed progress on the CIG grant. There are some dollars in this grant for wages, salaries, etc. Jared wanted to know if the CIG grant could be used for Yvette's salary to offset the time she is spending on the watershed and then the county appropriations going to the districts could be used for I&E expenses rather than salaries. The CIG grant could also be used to help offset some of Zindie's wages.

Discussion went back to the I&E efforts. There had been some talk about purchasing a rainfall simulator and Tate had talked to Tim about the BFRWP helping to sponsor a riparian improvement workshop to be held in June, 2009. Karl moved and Clint seconded to commit \$2000 to this riparian workshop. There are several Ag shows coming up starting Jan. 14th in Vale. The layout of our last color brochure is good, but dated. Now, a 3 fold color brochure would

cost about \$500 to set up and about \$1000 for 3000 copies but it would be current and very attractive. The group has also talked about putting together a booklet type of publication similar to what Custer Conservation District did, but in somewhat of a scaled down version. This could include some historical data in addition to up-to-date information regarding the watershed work. I&E efforts could also include some radio spots similar to what Montana and Wyoming are doing to promote conservation and grazing management. The BFRWP wants to make sure that they are using the I&E dollars responsibly and for good, effective I&E efforts.

Segment IV I&E funds will be allocated to the following:

Rainfall Simulator	\$8000
Riparian Workshop	\$2000
Brochures	\$1500
Supplies/Wages	\$1000
Website	\$1500
Total=	\$14,000

RESPEC is buying a new display board that is capable of hanging a flat screen TV, in order to show slides and power point presentations, etc. Jared wanted the watershed board to have some input into what they bought because it will be used for watershed or Ag events/shows. Karl moved, Clint seconded to pursue the new display board and buy necessary panels for the new RESPEC display, all in favor, motion carried.

Matt went through a slide presentation about the watershed work and what has been accomplished in Segments II & III. The total for the Segment IV proposal is \$1.3 million for two years (2009-2010).

In other business the Belle Fourche River Compact is meeting in Hulett at the Country Club, 9am on 12/19/2008. The Belle Fourche Compact deals with Belle Fourche River, Belle Fourche Reservoir and Keyhole Reservoir issues. It is a good venue for SD and WY to work together on multi-state water issues. At this time the compact is not a funder of any kind, more of a clearing house to assist in hooking up project sponsors with outside funders, etc.

Next meeting 2/19/09 at First Western Bank, 1pm.