

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
AUGUST 16, 2018 – 1PM
MINUTES

Call meeting to order: Tim Reich @ 1pm

Present: Karl Jensen-Lawrence CD, Allyssa Gregory-Forester, Anine Rosse-SD DENR, Justin Krajewski-RESPEC, Melanie Williamson-Butte CD, Justin Boerboom-NRCS, Tanse Herrmann-NRCS, Dave Ollila-SDSU Ext., Robert Weyrich-SD Dept. of Ag., Dale Lundgren-Elk Creek CD, Joe Nichols-USFWS, Matt Stoltenberg-Proj. Coord., Yvette Kirkman-Butte CD/BFRWP and Tim Reich-Butte CD

Introductions were made around the table

Minutes were emailed and copies available for the meeting, Karl Jensen moved to approve the May minutes, Dale Lundgren seconded, all in favor, motion carried

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

Bill Anderson is no longer with the BFID and at present time the position has not been filled thus leaving the board position vacant until BFID selects a representative.

SD Envirothon Update – The International Event for 2019 will be held in North Carolina and the current issue has been selected – Agriculture and the Environment – Knowledge & Technology to Feed the World. Kim is currently working on preparing the 319 matching documentation and developing the 2019 grant proposals, she also has plans to attend state fair and hosting roadshows across the state in preparation for the 2019 State Event being held at the Outdoor Campus West, Rapid City on April 29-30.

Robert Weyrich, SD Dept. of Ag-Ag Development Division – Mr. Weyrich discussed the possibility of a joint effort in a CIG grant application with focus on value added ag and ag development, specifically doing some research in feeding systems and nutrient management (manure, organic matter, use of cover crop/soil health, sustainable economics, incorporating technology). The project was tabled due to short turn-around time on the application deadline, would prefer more time to submit a good proposal.

319 Update – Matt Stoltenberg reviewed the budget, presented requests for funding on 5 new projects and Segment 8 Amendment approval. Karl moved to approve the 5 pivot projects, Dale seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Segment 9 will be submitted with more focus on riparian development and dialing back the irrigation aspect and having some priority areas.

Proposal for Conversion from Open Ditch to Buried Pipe was denied in the Spring grant round but will be resubmitted in the fall

NRCS CCG Grant was funded at \$71,500 to conduct follow-up with producers implementing prescribed grazing in Butte, Meade and Lawrence (What is working?, What is lacking?, Do they need more help?)

Other

Soil Health Tour – October

New Research Farm located in Sturgis

Next meeting Dec. 6 @ 1pm, First Interstate Bank, BF