

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
JULY 21, 2022 – 1PM
FIRST INTERSTATE BANK, BELLE FOURCHE
MINUTES

Call meeting to order: Tim Reich @ 1pm

Present: Connie McPherson-Elk Creek CD, Karl Jensen-Lawrence CD, Melanie Williamson-Butte CD, Victor Tuschen-NRCS, Jo Knutson-NRCS, Valerie Riter-NRCS, Justin Boerboom-NRCS, Tristan Clements-BFID, Justin Krajewski-Project Coordinator, Cliff Conry-Butte CD, Tim Reich-Butte CD and Yvette Kirkman-Butte CD/BFRWP, via Teams – Tate Lantz-NRCS, Bill Eastman-GF&P, Amber Vogt-Lawrence Co Planning

Approval of Minutes: Connie moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting, June & July online minutes, Tristan second, all in favor, motion carried

Financial Report: Connie moved to approve the financial report, Tristan second, all in favor, motion carried

Grants Update: Justin Krajewski reviewed the Segment 9 Budget Summary, will have RESPEC invoice and admin invoice for August in addition to a number of completed projects, Segment 9 ends August 31

The board received a cost share request, an appeal to previous payment, following discussion the request was denied, Karl moved to approve the drafting of a letter stating such, Connie second, all in favor, motion carried

Segment 10 documentation is forth coming and will need signature, Karl moved to approve pre-authorization of Tim Reich's signature as soon as documents become available, Tristan second, all in favor, motion carried

CCGA Grant Progress – 11 interviews remain and projected completion by spring of 2023

Butte CD Update: Open Ditch to Buried Pipe Grant 2021, had been extended and has been completed, reverted funds due to late cancellation, 2022 ODBP Grant – producers have been contacted, funds obligated and the 2023 ODBP Grant has 3 projects confirmed

NRCS Update: Valerie and Victor noted RCPP applications had been ranked, 5 Butte, 1 Meade, sent for pre-approval, discussion on delays of materials – pipe delayed 30 weeks and pivots 3-6 months, next RCPP batching dates, notice will go out in Sept.

CIS – 2 Irrigation projects with cover crops

BFID Update: Tristan reported they had done 50 PPDs since January, reservoir is at 85%, 50 cfs is on order from Keyhole Reservoir, Sept 23 is water shutoff and will be working on RCPP with NRCS

SGI Update: Matt Gottlob is finishing up projects, down to a few tanks and management practices

Elk Creek CD reported the newly hired employee did not work out and they will be advertising again, will be working with Mandy Ensrud-BCR and the NRCS to provide a fall program for the rural schools in southern Meade Co

Tate Lantz gave a quick update on office staffing and COVID updates, thanked everyone for their work on programs

Bill Eastman-GFP – updated everyone on his new position, his territory covers Butte, Harding, and Perkins, has funding for seeding, cross-fence, replacement of woven wire

Sand County Foundation sent a donation request for Leopold Award, Karl moved to contribute \$500, Tristan second, all in favor, motion carried

Meade Co Fair – Elk Creek will have a table and include BFRWP Handout
Cammack's Rancher Roundup – Val will have an NRCS table with BFRWP Handouts and giveaway items

Demo Trailer Repairs – Tanse Herrmann was not available to report on the progress of repairs, it was noted that a new NRCS trailer had been ordered

Karl Jensen reported on his recent meetings in Puerto Rico, making connections with USFWS, promoting their partnership and meetings were productive and informational

Butte/Lawrence Co Fair is Aug. 1-6 – Butte and Lawrence CD's will have a booth Thursday and include BFRWP Handouts

Next meeting will be held September 15 @ 1pm, First Interstate Bank, BF