

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP  
DECEMBER 1, 2011  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Tim Reich at 1pm.

Present: Tim Reich-Butte CD, Karl Jensen-Lawrence CD, Yvette Kirkman-Butte CD, Sarah Eggebo-NRCS, Justin Boerboom-NRCS, Jared Oswald-RESPEC, Matt Stoltenberg-Consultant, Dale Lundgren-Elk Creek CD, Tanse Herrmann-NRCS, Steve Fairbairn-USFWS and Lee Erickson-NRCS

The minutes of the last meeting were distributed, Karl moved to approve, Dale seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Karl presented the treasurer's report, he noted that 8 projects had been completed and cost-shared paid out, Dale moved to approve the report, Tim seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Karl had information on a new project that had been discussed at the South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts (SDACD) annual convention earlier in the week. The idea is to have a central website for districts but have links for other conservation partners. For example, it would be an SDACD website but individuals would be able to access different partners via community tabs. Each district would have its own tab, but USFWS could have a tab, DENR and BFRWP could have a tab and so on. The entire website would be updated every 2 weeks and each individual site would also be able to make changes to their information. Some of the other ideas would be to have advertising available to help fund the site and to have links to promotional items and merchandise. Matt Stoltenberg also attended the informational meeting on this project and stated that it sounded like a good communication tool and advertising opportunity. The initial cost for the site is \$6000, if purchased by the end of the year. Karl moved to invest \$500 for the initial start-up of the website, Dale seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Matt mentioned investing in new promotional items such as power clips or mugs, to have available at the informational booths. Yvette presented the information she has available as far as quantities and cost. Karl moved to order the power clips and mugs, Dale seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

The group discussed possibly hosting a tour in 2012. The tour would include invites to local leaders as well as state and national leaders and possibly include WY if they would be interested. The topic was tabled until the next meeting to coordinate possible dates and locations.

The Vale Ag Show is scheduled for January 11, 2012. Yvette asked if the board would like to sponsor a booth. Karl moved to have a booth at Vale, Dale seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nominations for the Leopold Conservation Award are due March 9, 2012.

It was noted that currently there are 16 irrigation project applications for the EQIP program.

Matt also discussed the Segment V amendments. There were some site specific standards changes regarding Horse Creek and Willow Creek. Jared Oswald mentioned that he had reviewed the TMDL and made comment to the EPA but had not heard anything further.

Matt went over the presentation he will be giving as an overall review of the project to date. He wanted input on the data and any possible change recommendations.

Some discussion was held on energy audits and the certification process.

Tim discussed the possibility of sponsoring a team to the Canon Envirothon. 2012 is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the competition and he would like to see the program started in South Dakota and has been in contact with a few people to get things started. He was looking for input as far as possible sponsors and an advisor to travel with a team. Jared mentioned contacting the science teachers association and Yvette mentioned Dave Ollila who has had experience with team competitions through his position as FFA instructor in Newell. Several other possible contacts were mentioned and noted for later contact.

Next meeting will be held March 1, 2012 @ 1pm, First Interstate Bank, BF.