

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
MARCH 17, 2016
MINUTES

Call meeting to order: Tim Reich @ 1:05pm

Present: Karl Jensen-Lawrence CD, Tanse Herrmann-NRCS Sturgis, Valerie Riter-NRCS Sturgis, Nate Jagim-Meade Co W&P, Mike Stenson-SDDA, Mitch Iverson-BLM, Dale Lundgren-Elk Creek CD, Matt Stoltenberg-Project Mgr., Dave Ollila-SDSU Ext. and Yvette Kirkman-Butte CD

Absent: Bill Anderson-BFID

Minutes of the last meeting were emailed and made available to those present, Karl moved to approve as written, Dale seconded, all in favor motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was presented, Dale moved to approve, Karl seconded, all in favor, motion carried. It was also noted that the annual audit will take place March 21-22 with CPA.

Matt Stoltenberg reviewed the Segment 7 budget and gave updates on projects, budget-wise it was recommended that the top 7 projects be funded and pending completion of these projects there may be additional funds left to invest with other producers, Karl moved to approve the 7 projects, Dale seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Currently 5 irrigation projects are complete and 2 are in progress and 5 range/riparian projects are complete with 3 in progress.

Segment 7 Amendment funds should be available by July/Aug, with the addition of a \$10k in No-till/Cover Crop I&E and the potential of doing a demo

Matt discussed meeting at the state level and the updating of the 10 year plan, following up on what has been accomplished, what has worked, what is in progress and what the partnership would like to see in the future. Updating the model and more monitoring are top priority.

Dave Ollila discussed the No-till/Cover Crop project, he and others have developed several scenarios for testing and have also made contact with individuals willing to invest in these small test plots, the group discussed offering a stipend vs. cost share on these projects due to all the different variables. Dale moved to approve a \$1000 stipend to each participant up to 10 participants, Karl seconded, all in favor, motion carried. At this time Dave Ollila also mentioned the upcoming youth/adult range camp to be held in June and the activities and a brief over view of the updated program. Dale moved to sponsor \$500 toward the camp, Karl seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Matt mentioned SRM tours and also the need to make repairs to the soil quality trailer, Karl moved to approve \$500 toward SRM and a budget up to \$500 for repairs to the trailer, Dale seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nate Jagim updated the group on activities with the BF River Weed Management group. Nate also gave a status update on the Russian Olive demo project, the initial treatment has been completed and there will be a follow-up treatment this summer/fall. He mentioned it would be a good stop on any kind of tour if the Conservation Commission were interested this summer, as they will be in the Hills. This will likely be the final year for the use of the Marsh Master, any future treatments will likely be spot.

Mitch Iverson gave an update on BLM activities and that he had coordinated with NRCS and Matt to assess an erosion project and mentioned that they will be making some dam repairs.

Next meeting will be July 21, 2016 @ 1pm, First Interstate Bank, BF