

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
NOVEMBER 26, 2013
MINUTES

Call meeting to order: Tim Reich @ 1pm

Present: Karl Jensen-Law CD, Tanse Herrmann-NRCS, Sarah Eggebo-NRCS, Tate Lantz-NRCS, Justin Boerboom-NRCS, Gary Steele-WHB Video Auction, Tom Baer-WHB Video Auction, Cassie Simmons-Producers Livestock, Clint Pitts-WHB Video Auction, Nate Jagim-Meade Co W&P, Tom Berdan-SD GF&P, Jared Oswald-RESPEC, Bill Anderson-BFID, Matt Stoltenberg, Dale Lundgren-Elk Creek CD, Dave Ollila-SDSU Ext., Tim Reich-Butte CD, Anitha Chirumamilla-SDSU, Rutendo Nyamusamba-SDSU and Yvette Kirkman-Butte CD

The minutes of the August meeting were sent out via email, Karl moved to approve, Dale seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Karl Jensen presented the treasurer's report, Dale moved to approve, Karl seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Clint Pitts, WHB Video Auction, explained the project his group is working on to help benefit those affected by Storm Atlas. An event scheduled for later this month will include a live internet auction, silent auction items, etc., the group is hoping to raise \$50k. Clint is requesting input regarding how to disperse the funds that are donated and if there should be some type of ranking system. It was suggested to contact the Rancher's Relief Fund and possibly join forces with them as they already have a system in place. Matt Stoltenberg and Clint will look into this further.

319 Update – Matt stated that the project is way ahead of schedule. Also noted was the disaster declaration via FEMA and those funds will be non-taxable.

Task Force Presentation – The handouts were reviewed, additions and corrections were made and it was pointed out that emphasis should be that these funds are going to the cream of the crop in applications.

Groundwater Study – the remaining funds will be vouchered for and work is being done on a pamphlet and website

Conservation Commission (CC) granted \$35k for the Phragmites Project. It was discussed that the CC needs to review how award funding is reduced and the time frames remain the same to allow for budgetary deadlines with partners and their funding deadlines.

Dave Ollila, SDSU Ext., introduced 2 new employees with extension, Rutendo Nyamusamba, Agronomist and Anitha Chirumamilla, Entomologist. Rutendo is a crop/field specialist dealing mostly with cropping systems and rotation and how producers are adapting to new technology and precision farming challenges. Anitha

is focused on forage and new insect issues due to different crop systems and the decline/increase of insects due to storm events.

Other

Karl moved to contribute \$100 to the BHSS Ag Scholarship, Dale seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Dale moved to approve \$300 investment in Jim Thompson holiday ads, Karl seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Karl moved to approve \$300 contribution to SRM for Monte Reichert along with a letter of support, Dale seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Via email 12/8 – Dale moved to contribute \$100 to help sponsor the Dave Pratt Workshop put on by the Grasslands Coalition, Karl seconded, all in favor motion, carried.

BLM will be funding the weather station in Nisland, SD

Nate Jagim thanked the BFRWP for their contribution to the publication of the SISMA newsletter “The Invader” and continued support of the Phragmites project. He updated the group on the progress of the project, upcoming plans and grant applications.

Next meeting March 13th @ 1pm, First Interstate Bank, BF