

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
DECEMBER 3, 2020 @ 1PM
CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
MINUTES

Call meeting to order: Tim Reich @ 1:02 pm

Present: Karl Jensen-Lawrence CD, Cliff Conry-Butte CD, John Heisler-BFID, Alex Roeber-DENR, Justin Boerboom-NRCS, Tanse Herrmann-NRCS, Victor Tuschen-NRCS, Dave Ollila-SDSHC, Jenn Lutze-BCR, Andrea Westlake-NRCS, Tate Lantz-NRCS, Curt Anderson-RESPEC, Justin Krajewski-RESPEC, Tim Reich-Butte CD and Yvette Kirkman-Butte CD/BFRWP

Minutes were emailed, Karl Jensen moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting, John seconded, all in favor, motion carried

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

Grant Update

SDDENR 319 Seg 9 – Justin Krajewski had a contract for modification, due to docket changes and contractor issues, the producer is asking for an extension and Justin recommended a cost share adjustment, following discussion, Karl moved to approve the extension and the cost share adjustment, John seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

NPS Task Force will meet via teams, Justin shared the presentation with the group, proposal is for \$234K

SDDA – for information only, Lawrence CD was awarded a thinning grant for 2021 and Butte CD was awarded funds for SD Envirothon for a 2 year project and funds to continue on with the Open Ditch to Buried Pipe Conversion, which will tie in nicely with the RCPP and CIS

RCPP – PPA is ready for signature, timeline has been moved back to start 2021-23 but efforts thus far will be able to be recorded, such as outreach and technical assistance, NRCS has 2 CCGA grants

NRCS Update

Andrea Westlake updated the group on the number of applications she has been dealing with, how many she has designs for and the need for checking soils and working with BFID and BOR, discussion followed on ranking criteria, announcements, batching dates etc.

Justin Boerboom shared that Jeff Zimprich, State Conservationist had announced his retirement for the end of the year, updates on COVID regarding the office status, program deadlines and the Belle Fourche office will be getting an intern for 2021.

Tanse Herrmann added information on the Water Quality in the Western US webinar info and comment period to Jan. 19

BFID

John Heisler updated the group with a summary of the BFID activities for 2020 and noted that the district was in good shape for water for 2021, he made note that the BOR's process has had some changes and things are taking a bit longer and are a bit more complicated than in the past. PPD's are taking longer for approval and there is a need for an agreement to that efforts are not being duplicated regarding cultural resource surveys.

Partner Reports

Jenn Lutze, BCR reported that she has 3 new contracts to work with, COVID has hindered progress on outreach and education

Alex Roeber, SDDENR, commented on the SDDA and DENR merger and that Secretary Roberts would be speaking during the NPS Task Force Meeting

Dave Ollila, SDSHC, shared the SDGC Annual meeting would be via zoom Dec. 15th, contact Judge Jessop for more info, and SDSHC will be hosting a virtual conference Jan. 6-7, you are able to register on the website

NACD will be holding their annual convention over 10 days of webinars, Feb. 1-10th free, registration is \$50 for the business meeting.

Next Meeting: March 18th @ 1pm, location TBD

Adjourned: 2:24pm