

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP  
JANUARY 16, 2020 – First Interstate Bank, BF @ 1pm  
MINUTES

Call meeting to order - Tim Reich @ 1pm

Present: Justin Boerboom-NRCS, Dave Ollila-SDSU Ext., Jenn Lutze-BCOR, Valerie Riter-NRCS, Mitch Iverson-BLM, Matt Gottlob-PF, Melissa Greenwalt-PF, Kevin Ellison-WWF, Dan Casey-NGPJV, Lori Brown-TNC, Dale Lundgren-Elk Creek CD, John Heisler-BFID, Justin Krajewski-RESPEC/BFRWP, Alex Roeber-SD DENR, Karl Jensen-Lawrence CD, Anna Kopp-SDGFP, Joe Nichols-USFWS, Tim Reich-Butte CD and Yvette Kirkman-Butte CD/BFRWP

Introductions

Dale Lundgren moved to approve the meeting agenda, John Heisler seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Dale Lundgren moved to approve the Minutes of the September meeting, John Heisler seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Karl Jensen presented the treasurer's report and in addition, Yvette added that the 1099's and related tax docs had been completed and mailed and work on the audit review would begin in February. John Heisler moved to approve the report, Karl Jensen seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Segment 9 – Justin Krajewski reviewed the Segment 9 amendment and the revised PIP, Heisler moved to approve, Lundgren seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Still waiting on the announcement of the RCPP awards, NRCS stated they are looking at March for those and as soon as we have that information we can move forward with projects.

Partner Reports –

TNC – Lori Brown reported that they are focusing on riparian health and exploring sites for restoration, 6-10 sites with multiple structures, SDSU will be doing the monitoring and as of right now this is a 3-year endeavor to evaluate the effects on grazing

PF – Melissa Greenwalt, based out of the Faith NRCS office informed the group of her target area, which includes Meade, Perkins, Ziebach, Corson and Dewey counties and she will be focusing on grassland birds. Matt Gottlob reported on his activities in Butte and Harding counties and noted that he would be assisting TNC with the structures

BLM – Mitch Iverson reported that they are working on a range assessment in NW Butte and working with DOT on mitigation (headcuts)

NRCS – Valerie Riter reported that no farm bill rules have been released and that a training is scheduled for February – Justin Boerboom introduced the CIS program and suggested that it may be an alternative if RCPP is not funded, it will open up options for single practice contracts in the resource concern area

BCOR – Jenn Lutze covers an area that includes NW Harding, Perkins, Butte and Meade counties, with a focus on outreach/education, hoping to do more workshops and get into the schools, she is also a under a 3-year project time frame

SDSU Ext. – Dave Ollila updated the group on upcoming workshops and informed the group that he would be retiring from SDSU Ext. but taking a ¼ time position with the Soil Health Coalition, he will be available to speak at workshops, tours etc.

USFWS – Joe Nichols reported that he is still unsure of funding for the season

SDGFP – Anna Kopp updated the group on an option for seeding marginal cropland with alternative mixes with per acre incentives, additional funds are available for fencing/pipelines/tanks

SDACD – Karl Jensen reported on the Ag Land Trust

SD DENR – Alex Roeber will be the project officer for the watershed project, he noted that funding is pretty much the same as last year, summer 2020 will include assessments on water quality, habitat, lakes/streams, data will then be developed into a presentation at a later date

NGPJV – Dan Casey shared a powerpoint presentation with the group outlining what the group is about and what their work entails, he noted that they still have \$129k in funds left to invest in 2020 projects, his focus area includes 68 counties in 4 states

Next meeting date is **Wednesday March 25th @ 1pm**, First Interstate Bank, BF