

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP  
JUNE 20, 2019 – 1PM  
MINUTES

Call meeting to order: Tim Reich @ 1pm

Present: Karl Jensen-Lawrence CD, Jenn Lutze-BCR, Joe Nichols-USFWS, Ryan Swanson-NRCS Intern, John Heisler-BFID, Justin Boerboom-NRCS, Tanse Herrmann-NRCS, Dale Lundgren-Elk Creek CD, Justin Krajewski-RESPEC, Kim Smeenck-SDE, Tim Reich-Butte CD and Yvette Kirkman-Butte CD/BFRWP

Introductions

Minutes of the March meeting were emailed, Karl Jensen moved to approve, Dale Lundgren seconded, all in favor, motion carried

At this time the board addressed the BFID vacancy on the board, John Heisler is in attendance to represent the BFID, Karl Jensen made a motion to seat John on the BFRWP board, Dale Lundgren seconded, all in favor, motion carried. John noted that Graham Lewis would be present at meetings in the event he was unavailable.

Karl Jensen reviewed the treasurer's report, Dale Lundgren moved to approve as presented, John Heisler seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Segment 8 Budget – Justin Krajewski went over the remainder of the Seg 8 budget, noting that 9 Irrigation projects had been funded, 6 are complete, 2 in progress and 1 pending; 18 Range/Riparian projects had been funded, 15 complete, 2 in progress and 1 pending. Due to the spring weather all projects have been given an extended July 31 deadline and are on track for completion. The remaining I & E budget will be invested in Range Camp, JT Ads, Soil Health Tour, Cammack's Rancher Roundup and cover the audit overage and if funds are remaining assist with SD Envirothon.

Segment 9 – Justin Krajewski suggested that in the interest of time the board authorize the chairman signature on the Segment 9 contract when it becomes available. Karl moved to approve authorization for Tim to sign the Segment 9 contract on behalf of the BFRWP board when it becomes available, Dale seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Other

RCPP – the announcements will be in the fall and following discussions during the partner meetings, the projects will coincide with the Segment 9 workload

## Upcoming Events

Pasture Walk @ Dave Ollila's -July 11, 5-7pm

Soil Health Tour – July 23, 12:30-5:30

SD Envirothon – Kim Smeenk-Coordinator, updated the group on the SD Envirothon state competition, winners were the Belle Fourche FFA, they will be traveling to the national competition in North Carolina, July 27-Aug 3

Jenn Lutze, BCR – she is applying for grants and hoping for more CSP sign-ups

Tanse Herrmann reported that Dave Ollila and Tate Lantz had turned over the Range Camp planning to Matt Scott, Krista Ehlert, Carmen Drieling and himself, they will continue as in the past but may have a Key Topic (weeds, riparian, wildlife) every other year

Tanse mentioned that Elk Creek was able to do the Soelzer Tour, after having to use a rain date and that 130-140 individuals participated in Rangeland/Soils Days held in Redfield last week

World Wildlife Federation will be doing a Butte County tour, the group will be agents only with an emphasis on getting the producer perspective and making agency connections with producers

The Nature Conservancy will be building demo sites via CCG, testing Beaver Analogs

Karl Jensen reported on the SD Ag Land Trust, a board has been formed, advertisement for an Executive Director has begun and a lawyer has been hired for the legal aspects of forming a trust.

Adjourned 2:30 pm

Next meeting September 19 @ 1pm, First Interstate Bank, BF