

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
MARCH 7, 2019 @ 1PM
MINUTES

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

Present: Karl Jensen-Law CD, Cliff Conry-Butte CD, Koby Dobler-RESPEC, Valerie Riter-NRCS, Nate Jagim-Meade W&P, Justin Boerboom-NRCS, Dale Lundgren-Elk Creek CD, Justin Krajewski-BFRWP/RESPEC, Joe Nichols-USFWS, Matt Gottlob-Pheasants Forever, Jenn Lutze-BCOR, Corissa Busse-TNC, Kim Smeenk-SD Envirothon, Mitch Iverson-BLM, Tim Reich-Butte CD and Yvette Kirkman-Butte CD/BFRWP

Introductions were made around the table

Minutes were emailed and copies available, Karl moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, Dale Lundgren seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Treasurer's Report was delivered, Dale moved to approved the report, Karl seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Kim Smeenk presented a SD Envirothon update, she shared the new educational packets that are going out to the teams, 2 Roadshows have been complete (Rapid City/Ft. Pierre), State Competition will be April 29-30 @ Outdoor Campus West, RC. Kim is currently working on a sponsorship program and researching new funding sources. Several of those present for the meeting made recommendations for funding

Justin K. reviewed the Segment 8 Budget, discussion was held on upcoming events and specifically the remaining I&E budget. Karl made a motion to contribute \$250 to SRM for presentations at the all employee meeting (NRCS) and if funding is available \$2500 to SD Envirothon, Dale seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Segment 9 contract should be available late June, early July and following the EQIP obligations a review of potential projects will take place.

CCGA grant as a follow up project and inventory, moving forward the development of monitoring packets, tour with product highlights, Koby Dobler and Justin K. will be working closely with BFID to coordinate laterals with pivots, water monitoring, automation and sensors

RCPP- Justin B. shared a map with the group highlighting the current pivot locations, areas that could still use pivots and land that has the potential to support pivots, this is a good base to promote soil health, no till, cover crops etc.

SRM Tour – Dan and Cindi Connor will host sometime in June

Joe Nichols – NFWF funds are available and the deadline for investment is Sept. 30

Matt Gottlob – working on a large project, pooling 4 producers in Sage Grouse area

Jenn Lutze – upcoming workshop, bird counts will start with better weather

Val Riter – NRCS is currently working on EQIP and rankings for funding

Mitch Iverson – BLM has a new Rangeland Health Assessment Tool (will share website

with Yvette for disbursement), Mitch discussed several projects going on, GIS collars on Sage Grouse, wetland mitigation working with SD DOT, monitoring workshops with partner agencies, 2 mezinite sights for remote moisture sensors

Nate Jagim – just returned from annual conference, Butte Co rec'd a leafy spurge grant, monies were awarded for phragmites survey, discussion on EAB and diversity in the species being used in new shelterbelts

Corissa Busse – noted a GF&P workshop March 27, 10-12p, discussed webtool including Butte/Harding/Crook/Bowman/Carter counties and projects developed from that data, discussed partner meetings in western SD regarding streams, riparian areas and CCG - water system data due in report form in 2020 and developing management from that data to slow and hold water on the landscape, Antelope Research Station proposal

Karl Jensen – reported that Zindie Meyers the Hills Area Coordinator for the NOLO project would be making her rounds to each district to present a brief power point and follow up with updates on the project nationwide

Grazing School will be held June 25-27 @ Wall, SD

Next meeting: June 20 @ 1pm