

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 -1PM
CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER, BELLE FOURCHE
MEETING/TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

Call meeting to order: Tim Reich @ 1pm

Present: Karl Jensen-Lawrence CD, Cliff Conry-Butte CD, Connie McPherson-Elk Creek CD, John Heisler-BFID, Graham Lewis-BFID, Alex Roeber-SD DENR, Justin Boerboom-NRCS, Tate Lantz-NRCS, Victor Tuschen-NRCS, Dave Ollila-SDSHC, Matt Gottlob-PF, Justin Krajewski-RESPEC, Tim Reich-Butte CD and Yvette Kirkman-Butte CD/BFRWP

At this time the board addressed the Elk Creek CD vacancy on the board, Connie McPherson was in attendance to represent the Elk Creek CD, Karl Jensen made a motion to seat Connie on the BFRWP board, John Heisler seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes of the April teleconference were made available, Karl moved to approve as written, John seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Karl reviewed the financial report, John moved to approve as presented, Connie seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Justin Krajewski began by reviewing the Segment 9 amendment, noting the updated grant amount of \$1,099,000. Justin K. prepared a 2020 cost docket and contract supplement, following discussion, Karl moved to place a \$200k cap per producer per project and accept both documents, John seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Currently, Justin K. has 13 contracts and projects listed, 5 Irrigation and 8 Range/Riparian, of these, 3 are complete, the remaining or pending or in progress. One range/riparian project in progress is requesting an extension due to weather restrictions. Karl moved to approve the list as presented and grant an extension for the project in progress, Connie seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

At this time, Justin K. shared a grant proposal being submitted by Butte CD to the conservation commission for open ditch to buried pipe conversions, this grant will include Lawrence and Elk Creek districts. Justin asked that the watershed partnership consider submitting a letter of support due to the nature of the projects and potential for partner projects. Karl moved to approve the submission of a support letter to Butte CD, Connie seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Review of Segment 9 PIP 2021 proposal, following discussion and noting corrections in the spreadsheet, Karl moved to approve the proposal with corrections and send to SD DENR, Connie seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

NRCS Update

RCPP – Justin Krajewski shared the project agreement, John moved to approve as presented, Karl seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Ranking Criteria – Victor Tuschen discussed the ranking sheets, Justin Boerboom suggested some revisions, following further discussion and added suggestions, Karl moved to approve the draft as amended subsequent to the final draft, John seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Final draft approval from the board following the email will be via email. Discussion followed on batching and ranking dates for the RCPP and CIS applications.

CCGA – FYI final contract has been received

Partner Reports –

Justin Boerboom was notified of a CCG granted to the Cook Ditch group, naming themselves RiverSHARED, they will be conducting a feasibility study for improvements to ditches and headgates and it is predicted that this will move into a CIS proposal.

David Ollila, SDSHC – shared a pasture walk event scheduled for Oct. 5th at Shawn Freeland's in Caputa, Dave has also been assisting with the FFA land/range judging

Alex Roeber – informed that group that although challenging, the field season is coming to an end and 33 lakes were sampled 3 times, several located in the Black Hills

Matt Gottlob, PF – reported that he had 2 SGI contracts funded, had a busy summer working with Lori Brown-TNC and Mitch Faulkner building beaver dam analogs and rock structures, they are hoping for some rains to test the structures, he will also be involved with some of the CIS projects

Tate Lantz – announced Roy Boschee's retirement on Sept. 25th, Roy is the area technician located in the RC office.

Next meeting date December 3, 2020 @ 1pm, location TBD