

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 – 1PM

MINUTES

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

Present: Karl Jensen-Lawrence CD, Connie McPherson-Elk Creek CD, Cindy Stanton-LeBlanc-Elk Creek CD, Justin Boerboom-NRCS RUC, Victor Tuschen-NRCS, Justin Krajewski-Coordinator, Tim Reich-Butte CD and Yvette Kirkman-Butte CD/BFRWP

Absent: John Heisler

Minutes were emailed prior to the meeting, following review, Karl Jensen moved to approve today's agenda and minutes of the July meeting, Connie McPherson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Karl Jensen presented the treasurer's report, following discussion, Connie moved to approve the treasurer's report, Karl seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Grants Update - Justin Krajewski updated the board on the current Seg 9 contracts and budget. Segment 10 PIP amendment is ready for submission, Connie moved to approve the submission of the amendment, Karl seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Butte CD is submitting a grant to continue the open ditch to buried pipe conversions, which will align with some of the current watershed projects, Karl Jensen moved to approve the drafting of a support letter from the BFRWP to Butte CD, Connie McPherson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

RCPP Supplemental Agreement – Justin Krajewski will be working on BFRWP contracts/agreements with RESPEC and Butte CD, Karl moved to approve Tim Reich's signing of these contracts/agreements on behalf of the BFRWP when they are available, Connie seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Justin Krajewski updated on the CCGA grant progress, work should be completed earlier than the grant deadline of December 2022.

NRCS Update – 6 RCPP applications have been ranked, there has been a software glitch, waiting to complete the process

BFID –Justin read the email from Tristan, BFID Manager that the irrigation water has been shut off for the season. The South Canal was shut off on September 15th and the North Canal was shut off on September 21st. At the time of shut off, the dam was down to 38%. The BFID had a great irrigation season, and the team did a fantastic job of managing the water. Operator Dave Nunke and the ditch riders were able to maintain approximately 75 to 80% efficiency through much of the season (which is a huge reason the dam ended as high as it did). As of September 29<sup>th</sup>, the dam is at 40% with 110 CFS inflow.

Partner Reports – Justin Boerboom reported that there may be a significant increase in the budget for EQIP and CSP, advertisement has been made for the State Conservationist position and predict seating someone in the position end of December beginning of January, until then Jackie Byam will continue to serve that office.

Adjourned

Next meeting January 20, 2022 @ Christian Life Center, 1pm