

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
JANUARY 11, 2018
MINUTES

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

Present: Karl Jensen-Lawrence CD, Justin Boerboom-NRCS, Jared Oswald-RESPEC, Jason Schlafmann-NWTF, Cody Grewing-SD GF&P, Valerie Riter-NRCS, Bill Anderson-BFID, Tanse Herrmann-NRCS, Tate Lantz-NRCS, Dale Lundgren-Elk Creek CD, Matt Stoltenberg, Tim Reich-Butte CD and Yvette Kirkman-Butte CD/BFRWP

Introductions were made around the room

Minutes from the September meeting were emailed out, no discussion, Karl moved to approve the minutes as written, Bill seconded, all in favor, motion carried
Karl Jensen delivered the treasurer's report, noting that all tax documents had been mailed to producers and the IRS, Bill moved to approve the report, Dale seconded, all in favor, motion carried

SD Envirothon – Kim Smeenk-Coordinator, was unable to attend today's meeting, she is conducting the final traveling roadshow in Rapid City for interested teams. A report has been provided (see handout) outlining the activities for the last few months preparing for the state event March 31-April 1.

Matt Stoltenberg reviewed the budget and 319 update. There will be a re-ranking of remaining applications and a review of additional projects. Additional items were discussed, the demo trailer is in need of repair, Karl moved to have the repairs made, Bill seconded, all in favor, motion carried. The BFRWP has had a request to sponsor the Ag & Natural Resources Scholarship at the BHSS, Dale moved to approve the \$100 sponsorship, Karl seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

RCPP – Jared Oswald and Tate Lantz discussed the RCPP grant opportunity and they are still working on the matching funds, this project will involve BFID as well as on farm projects, to add to the match. RCPP only allows for technical assistance no admin.

Cody Grewing shared some projects including water quality at Newell Lake and replacement of woven wire for wildlife friendly fencing. GF&P always looking for projects to partner on.

Jason Schlafmann introduced himself, he is new to the position with NWTF and located in the Rapid City office, this position is sponsored by seven different partners. He has a forestry background.

SDSU has purchased acreage near the high school in Sturgis to be used as a soil health research farm, they will be looking for a panel in the near future to determine the structure (ie Dakota Lakes)

Tim Reich suggested a special planning meeting to discuss ideas for the new 10 year plan for the BFRWP. Ideas tossed out were rangeland and forestry, deep ripping and streambank stabilization. **Special Meeting will be Feb. 7, 12 noon at American West Grill**

Adjourned @ 2:30

Next official meeting: May 10th @ 1pm