

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
JUNE 11, 2015
MINUTES

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

Present: Sarah Eggebo-NRCS, Anine Rosse-DENR, Tom Berdan-SD GFP, Ron Koth-Barr Eng., Dave Ollila-SDSU, Bill Anderson-BFID, Matt Stoltenberg, Mary Beth Albrechtsen-Pheasants Forever, Valerie Riter-NRCS, Tanse Herrmann-NRCS, Jared Oswald-RESPEC, Justin Boerboom-NRCS, Joe Nichols-USFWS, Tim Reich-Butte CD and Yvette Kirkman-Butte CD

Introductions were made around the table as there were some new faces in attendance.

Minutes of the March meeting were emailed and copies provided, Bill Anderson moved to approve the minutes, Tim Reich seconded, all in favor, motion carried. The treasurers report was provided to the board, Tim Reich moved to approve, Bill Anderson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

319 Updates - Matt Stoltenberg provided an update on the final expenditures for Segment 6 and there will be a bit of overlap with Segment 7, those funds are available August 1st. Discussion followed regarding projects to be funded, 7 projects could be funded, Bill Anderson moved to approve the 7 projects discussed, pending soils on one site, Tim Reich seconded, all in favor, motion carried. An additional Range/Riparian project has potential and would be in Lawrence County and piggy back with NRCS, Bill made a motion to move forward with the project, Tim Reich seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Comment was made with regard to North Dakota and how they are funding No-Till and Cover Crop practices through 319 funds. Dave Ollila discussed how we need to find a way to implement these practices (cover crops, rotating crops, aftermath grazing with livestock, electric fencing) and be able to educate producers in return.

The No-Till Council is planning a tour in July, the date is yet to be determined. The council has had several gatherings and had 25-30 participants continue to be interested. Tim Reich asked the group if they had an itinerary yet and it is still in progress, he recommended the Nisland Fairgrounds as an option for a lunch spot and discussion. Bill Anderson made a motion to sponsor \$1000 toward the tour, Tim Reich seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Ron Koth was on hand to report on feedback following the June 3rd meeting held by the Spearfish Creek group. The deadline for an RCCP pre-proposal is July 8th and the group needs to decide whether to move forward or take the time to develop the long term plan for the project, organize partners and what part they will play and

get out more information/education to the public. The group has set a June 17 deadline for project feedback. Ron Koth suggested a brief meeting on June 22nd to discuss the feedback.

Matt Stoltenberg compiled the responses from the Russian Olive survey that was sent out. It went out to 400 individuals and got a 10% return. Most response was that individuals were not concerned nor interested in cost share for management and most felt it provided great shelter, good for wildlife and a hardy grower.

In other business, Tim Reich mentioned the SD Envirothon and the potential need for more of a full time state coordinator for the program. It seems that the program is not making as much progress as hoped as far as increasing the number of teams participating each year and it may be improved by having someone that can get into the schools across the state to promote it. Dave Ollila suggested a possible piggy-back onto the Rangeland/Soils Days and take advantage of the SRM and Conservation District sponsorship. Anine Rosse mentioned taking the proposal back to her office to see if an application would even be considered for such a position.

Next meeting August 20th @ 1pm, First Interstate Bank, BF