

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
SEPTEMBER 14, 2017
MINUTES

Tim Reich called the meeting to order @ 1pm.

Present: Karl Jensen-Lawrence CD, Tim Reich-Butte CD, Matt Stoltenberg, Bill Anderson-BFID, Kim Smeenk-SD Envirothon, Valerie Riter-NRCS Sturgis, Dale Lundgren-Elk Creek CD and Yvette Kirkman

Minutes were emailed prior to the meeting, Bill moved to approve the July minutes, Karl seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Karl Jensen reviewed the treasurer's report, Bill moved to approve as presented, Dale seconded, all in favor, motion carried

SD Envirothon Update – Kim Smeenk was on hand to review the steering committee minutes and informed the group of the SD Envirothon competition dates, April 30-May1, 2018, to be held at Outdoor Campus East. The current event topic is Rangeland Management. Kim is also looking into the purchase of soil buckets (\$500) with the help of sponsors.

319 Update – Segment 7 final report has been submitted and currently Segment 8 has 4 pivots and a number of range projects scheduled. Matt reviewed the current budget, Seg. 8 Amendments and grant applications.

Jared Oswald and Bill Anderson are working on an RCPP and it was noted that after 10 years we are 60% implemented. Currently there are approximately 15 moisture sensor users.

Discussion of pursuing another Open Ditch to Buried Pipe grant was held and it was decided that holding off until Spring to determine the amount of interest would be wise.

The soil bucket topic was revisited and the potential for partnering with NRCS and/or BLM for instruction in the schools was discussed.

Next meeting will be held Jan. 18th @ 1pm, First Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche

Meeting adjourned @ 2:30p