

BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP  
JANUARY 16, 2025 @ 1PM  
MINUTES

Call meeting to order: Tim Reich @ 1:03pm

Present: Karl Jensen-Lawrence CD, Connie McPherson-Elk Creek CD, Maggie Syversen-NRCS, Derek Hartl-PF, Kristin May-BCOR, Valerie Riter-NRCS, Tyler Swan-NRCS, Cliff Conry-Butte CD, Justin Boerboom-NRCS RUC, Tristan Clements-BFID, Carlie Grine-BLM, Jake Williams-BLM, Justin Krajewski-RESPEC, Tim Reich-Butte CD and Yvette Kirkman-Admin Butte CD

Approval of Agenda/Minutes – Karl moved to approve the agenda and minutes of the July 2024 meeting, Connie second, all in favor, motion carried

Approval of Treasurer’s Report – Connie moved to approve the report as presented, Tristan second, all in favor, motion carried

Grants Update

SD NPS Task Force - Tim Reich and Justin Krajewski attended the SD NPS Task Force virtually in December, Angela Ehlers is the new chair, amendment will be coming, Karl moved to approve Tim’s signature on documents when they are available, Connie second, all in favor, motion carried

NRCS RCPP – PPA renewal agreement should be available in March, Karl moved approve Tim’s signature on documents when they arrive, Tristan second, all in favor, motion carried

SD DANR 319 Segment 10 – Justin reviewed the budget summary, adjustments were made to the BFRWP Cost Docket to align with current expenses, Karl moved to approve the Cost Docket, Connie second, all in favor, motion carried.

Extensions are needed on 3 projects to May 1<sup>st</sup>, Tristan moved to approve the extensions on Segment 10, Connie second, all in favor, motion carried. SD Conservation Commission awarded \$30k to Butte CD for Open Ditch to Buried Pipe Conversions, 4 apps on hand but would like a couple more in the event of cancellations.

NRCS Updates – Maggie Syversen updated on staffing changes in the Belle Fourche office, 105 EQIP applications, 64 ranked and 41 no response, 3 CSP, deadlines in February, March should have approvals, State Con is optimistic of the new administration

Valerie Riter reported 30 applications, 20 ranked, 10 CSP

Tyler Swan will be the acting DC in the Belle Fourche office, following Maggie’s departure

BFID – Tristan reported that the dam ended the season at 46% and currently at 64% as of today, 180cfs flow daily, 6000 ft of pipe Oct-Dec, 20 miles of ditch cleaning,

Partner Reports – Derek Hartl, PF – all hands on deck working on applications and contracts, public access program with GFP (additional 26k acres in public access) 8-9k acres west river

Kristin May, BCOR – working on CSP and EQIP with NRCS, World Migratory Bird Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>

Carlie Grine and Jake Williams (field manager) nothing to report, making introductions

Connie McPherson noted that the Elk Creek CD would be hosting Rural School Day in Union Center again this year, last year was a hit with the students, expressed a need for some sponsorship for the event, Tristan moved to approve \$500 towards the event, Karl second, all in favor, motion carried

Karl Jensen reported on SDALT and Bill Eastman as the new field manager for West River, his start date was January 8, reported on NACD happenings, updates on staffing, annual convention coming up in February

New Business

Financial Review/Audit – Yvette will begin the process in February, engagement letters have already been signed and sent

NRCS Snow Report – see packet, information only

Next meeting July 17, 2025

**BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP**  
**April 7, 2025 – ONLINE MINUTES**

On Monday, April 7, 2025, 1:01 PM, Justin Krajewski emailed a request “BFRWP Board Action Requested - 1 Contract Modification, 4 New Irrigation Contracts, and 12 New Riparian/Rangeland Contracts” for two action items to consider for BFRWP Board approval and chair signature.

1. Request board to approve a contract modification to add \$8,071 to 2024-Rng-S10-21 from \$36,226 to \$44,946 for adding another 1200 gal tank and buried pressure valve and pressure tank/vault.
2. Request board to approve 4 new irrigation contracts and 12 new riparian/rangeland contracts listed in the table below.

<b>Contract Number</b>	<b>Irrigation or Riparian/Range?</b>	<b>Project Type</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>319 Cost Share NTE\$</b>
2025-Irr-S10-17	Irrigation	pivot-pipe	Butte	\$107,270
2025-Irr-S10-18	Irrigation	pivot-pipe	Meade	\$99,800
2025-Irr-S10-19	Irrigation	pivot-pipe	Butte	\$66,874
2025-Irr-S10-20	Irrigation	pivot-pipe	Butte	\$134,465
			Subtotal=	\$408,409
2024-Rng-S10-22	Riparian-Range	pipe-waterers	Butte	\$21,360
2025-Rng-S10-23	Riparian-Range	pipe-tanks	Butte	\$121,746
2025-Rng-S10-24	Riparian-Range	pipe-waterers	Meade	\$21,301
2025-Rng-S10-25	Riparian-Range	pipe-waterers	Meade	\$36,446
2025-Rng-S10-26	Riparian-Range	pipe-waterers	Butte	\$11,850
2025-Rng-S10-27	Riparian-Range	pipe-tanks	Meade	\$22,730
2025-Rng-S10-28	Riparian-Range	pipe-waterers	Butte	\$11,050
2025-Rng-S10-29	Riparian-Range	pipe-waterers	Butte	\$11,046
2025-Rng-S10-30	Riparian-Range	pipe-waterers	Lawrence	\$17,015
2025-Rng-S10-31	Riparian-Range	pipe-tanks	Meade	\$26,187
2025-Rng-S10-32	Riparian-Range	pipe-tanks	Meade	\$32,916
2025-Rng-S10-33	Riparian-Range	pipe-waterers	Meade	\$27,193
			Subtotal=	\$360,842
			Total=	\$769,251

From: Justin Krajewski

Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 1:01 PM

To: MCPHERSON CONNIE (conniemc54@yahoo.com) <conniemc54@yahoo.com>; Karl Jensen <kfjensensd@gmail.com>; bfidtristan@sdplains.com; Tim Reich (timreich@rushmore.com) <timreich@rushmore.com>

Cc: Riter, Valerie - NRCS, Sturgis, SD <valerie.ritter@usda.gov>; Swan, Tyler - NRCS, Belle Fourche, SD <Tyler.Swan@usda.gov>; Kirkman, Yvette - NRCS-CD, Belle Fourche, SD (Yvette.Kirkman@sd.nacdnet.net) <Yvette.Kirkman@sd.nacdnet.net>; Roeber, Alex <Alex.Roeber@state.sd.us>

Subject: BFRWP Board Action Requested - 1 Contract Modification, 4 New Irrigation Contracts, and 12 New Riparian/Rangeland Contracts

On Monday, April 7, 2025, 2:04 PM, Connie McPherson emailed and seconded Karl’s motion. On Monday, April 7, 2025, 1:30 PM, Karl Jensen emailed Fellow Board Members: I move to approve the contract modification shown in Point 1. above (adding \$8,071 to 2024 Range S10-21), and, to approve, the addition of 4 Irrigation and 12 new Riparian contracts listed above. On Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 10:38 AM, Tristan Clements emailed I would vote yes. The motion passed unanimously.

**BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP**  
**June 10, 2025 – ONLINE MINUTES**

On Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 4:41 PM, Justin Krajewski emailed a request “BFRWP Board Action Requested - Range Camp Donation, Budget Revision, Chair Authorization, 3 Contract Modifications, 4 Contract Extensions, and 1 New Irrigation Contract” for seven action items to consider for BFRWP Board approval.

1. Request the board to sponsor the 2025 Rangeland and Soil Days in the amount of \$1,000.
2. Request the board to approve transferring Segment 10 project budget leftover 319 funds of approximately \$87,619 (\$7,050 in Audit, \$70,000 in SRAM, \$6,564 in Project Admin, and \$4,005 in Riparian/Range) and to reallocate \$73,619 to Sprinkler Irrigation and \$14,000 to Water Quality (for 2 new DANR flow gages on Belle Fourche River and Horse Creek) pending SD DANR final approval.
3. Request the board to authorize the Chair, or their designated representative, to conduct all necessary business related to the BFRWP’s NRCS RCPP and SDDANR grant applications, agreements, and related documents, including but not limited to submitting grant applications, negotiate grant terms and conditions, sign and execute grant agreements and amendments, sign and submit all required documents, certifications, and payment requests associated with awarded grants.
4. Request the board approve a contract modification to add \$5,695 to 2025-Rng-S10-29 for adding 100 feet pipeline and two waterers.
5. Request the board approve two contract modifications to add \$5,540 to 2024-Irr-S10-18 and 2025-Irr-S10-19 for adding a phase converter to each contract.
6. Request the board approve contract extensions to July 31, 2025, on these four contracts: 2025-Rng-S10-23, 2025-Rng-S10-32, 2025-Rng-S10-33, and 2025-Irr-S10-20.
7. Request the board approve a new irrigation contract 2025-Irr-S10-21 in the amount of \$103,736 for a sprinkler system, pumping plant, flow meter, and phase converter installation.

**From:** Justin Krajewski

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 4:41 PM

**To:** Tim Reich (timreich@rushmore.com) <timreich@rushmore.com>; 'MCPHERSON CONNIE' <conniemc54@yahoo.com>; Tristan <bfidtristan@sdplains.com>; Karl Jensen <kfjensensd@gmail.com>

**Cc:** Kirkman, Yvette - NRCS-CD, Belle Fourche, SD <Yvette.Kirkman@sd.nacdnet.net>; valerie.riter@usda.gov; Swan, Tyler - FPAC-NRCS, SD <tyler.swan@usda.gov>; Roeber, Alex <alex.roeber@state.sd.us>

**Subject:** BFRWP Board Action Requested - Range Camp Donation, Budget Revision, Chair Authorization, 3 Contract Modifications, 4 Contract Extensions, and 1 New Irrigation Contract

On Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 4:57 PM, Karl Jensen emailed BFRWP Board: I move we approve the seven actions listed above in the attached email.

On Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 7:37 PM, Tristan Clements emailed and seconded Karl’s motion and voted in favor.

On Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 9:56 PM, Connie McPherson emailed in favor of the actions.

On Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 6:35 PM, Tim Reich emailed motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP**  
**July 24-25, 2025 – ONLINE MINUTES**

On Thursday, July 24, 2025, 2:33 PM, Justin Krajewski emailed a request “BFRWP Board Action Requested - 1 Contract Cancellation, 3 Contract Modifications, and 5 Contract Extensions” for five action items to consider for BFRWP Board approval.

1. Request the board cancel the 2025-Rng-S10-32 contract in the amount of \$32,916.
2. Request the board approve a contract modification to add \$4,684 to 2025-Rng-S10-31 for additional 1,320 feet of livestock pipeline and 1,320 feet of fence.
3. Request the board approve a contract modification to add \$62,238 to 2025-Irr-S10-20 for adding a 32-acre pivot sprinkler and 1 pump.
4. Request the board approve a contract modification to add \$28,235 to 2025-Irr-S10-21 for adding 1,205 feet of 10” pipeline.
5. Request the board approve contract extensions to August 25, 2025, on these four contracts: 2025-Rng-S10-23, 2025-Rng-S10-33, 2025-Irr-S10-21, and 2025-Irr-S10-20.

From: Justin Krajewski

Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 2:33 PM

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Cc: Swan, Tyler - NRCS, Belle Fourche, SD <[tyler.swan@usda.gov](mailto:tyler.swan@usda.gov)>; Kirkman, Yvette - FPAC-NRCS, SD <[yvette.kirkman@sd.nacdnet.net](mailto:yvette.kirkman@sd.nacdnet.net)>; Riter, Valerie - FPAC-NRCS, SD <[valerie.riter@usda.gov](mailto:valerie.riter@usda.gov)>

Subject: BFRWP Board Action Requested - 1 Contract Cancellation, 3 Contract Modifications, and 5 Contract Extensions

On Thursday, July 24, 2025, 3:22 PM, Connie McPherson emailed BFRWP Board: I move we approve the seven actions listed above in the attached email.

On Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 7:37 PM, Tristan Clements emailed and seconded Karl’s motion and voted in favor.

On Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 9:56 PM, Connie McPherson emailed in favor of the actions.

On Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 6:35 PM, Tim Reich emailed motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

Belle Fourche River Watershed Partnership  
September 30, 2025 @ 1pm  
First Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche  
Minutes

Call meeting to order: Tim Reich @ 1pm

Present: Karl Jensen-Lawrence CD, Justin Boerboom-NRCS RUC, Tanse Herrmann-NRCS, Cliff Conry-Butte CD, Connie McPherson-Elk Creek-CD, Tyler Swan-NRCS, Valerie Riter-NRCS, Tristan Clements-BFID, Tim Reich-Butte CD, Lori Brown-TNC, Justin Krajewski-Coordinator, RESPEC and Yvette Kirkman-BFRWP Admin

Approval of Minutes – Tristan moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, Karl second, all in favor, motion carried  
Approval of Financial Report – Tristan moved to approve the financial report, Connie second, all in favor, motion carried

Grants Update

Segment 10 Third Amendment and Grant Extension – Karl moved to approve the submission, Tristan second, all in favor, motion carried.

SD DANR Stream Gages – EDWDD Invoice – Tristan moved to approve the invoice and investment, Karl second, all in favor, motion carried. Discussion on yearly cost of annual maintenance, revisit future costs

Segment 10 Final Voucher & Report – following review of the budget summary, Karl moved to approve submission of the final voucher and report, Tristan second, all in favor, motion carried.

SD DANR – Segment 11 PIP – Tristan moved to approve, Connie second, all in favor, motion carried.

SD DANR – Segment 11 PIP Amendment App – Connie moved to approve, Tristan second, all in favor, motion carried.

NRCS RCPP – PPA & SA – Tristan moved to approve, Connie second, all in favor, motion carried. Note-only 2 RCPP projects in the state are moving forward

BFRWP & BCD Agreement – Karl moved to approve agreement, Tristan second, all in favor, motion carried.

BFRWP & RESPEC Agreement/Task Order - Tristan moved to approve, Karl second, all in favor, motion carried, see pg 47, Connie moved to approve, Tristan second, all in favor, motion carried, see pg 48, Tristan moved to approve, Connie second, all in favor, motion carried, see pg 49.

NRCS Update – Tyler Swan updated on the Belle Fourche field office work, obligated 3 CSP and 6 EQIP, noting work on the Open Ditch Conversion Grant, no staffing changes and preparing for the impending government shutdown.

Valerie Riter reported on the Sturgis field office work, obligated 7 CSP and 6 EQIP and ongoing EQIP, RCPP, and CSP contracts. Kristin May, BCOR, has taken a position as Ag Teacher in Rapid City, they will not be back filling the position, they are moving it to the Philip FSO. Kammerer's were nominated for Area 4 and the state via SRM, Karlie will be delivering her speech at 2026 event. Tanse Hermann discussed soil health activities in West River and the use of the NRCS and BFRWP soil health trailers. He traveled to Ft Worth to pick up an upgraded trailer. Justin Boerboom reported that he was taking a new training position with NRCS and there would be an acting RUC named. He also discussed field office staffing levels and NRCS potential office closure with a possible federal government shutdown. NRCS has received no national guidance, IRA funds were dumped into general but previously funded IRA are still in place.

BFID Update - Tristan reported that it was a good year for water storage with 34,427 acre-feet delivered, which was about 60% of last year. October 3<sup>rd</sup> is the shut off date.

Partner Reports – TNC – Lori Brown discussed her recent meetings with the USFS, NRCS, and SDGFP about the efforts for improving stream health and connectivity in the Black Hills. Noted they are experimenting with waste wool for retention and erosion control. Lori informed the group that today is her last day with TNC due to a lapse in funding but has other employment options to continue conservation work.

Elk Creek CD – Connie McPherson noted that the Elk Creek CD would be hosting Rural School Day in Union Center on April 15<sup>th</sup> and would focus on water and safety topics.

Butte CD – Cliff Conroy reported that the SDACD Convention in Huron had good workshops and meetings.

Lawrence CD – Karl Jensen said the tour of the USGS EROS in Sioux Falls was interesting and that SDALT were working with GFP and City of Spearfish and grazing leases on Lookout Mountain.

New Business - South Dakota Leopold Conservation Award Sponsorship – Karl moved to pay \$500, Tristan second, all in favor, motion carried. Next meeting January 13, 2026.