

Flathead River Commission



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July 17, 2017, 7:00pm, South Campus Building, 40 11th Street, West, 2nd Floor Conference Room

July Minutes

Attendees: Verdell Jackson, Mark Haag, Pam Holmquist, Steve Sekelsky, Rusby Seabaugh, Bob Storer, Donna Pridmore, Larry Freidman, Roy Hutchins

Absent: Cap Ingham, Larry Brosten, Gary Saurey, Mark Siderius, Kenny Breidinger, Kris Tempel

Public Attendees: Samantha Tappenbeck, Melissa Brickl

Intro & Public Comment: None

Minutes: Bob Storer moved to “approve April minutes”. Mark Haag seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: There was general discussion on dam operations this spring. Rusby Seabaugh and Bob Storer thought they did a pretty good job considering the amount of snowfall this winter.

Rusby usually attends the River to Lake Meetings, but he requested that another member from the commission attend. Donna Pridmore volunteered to attend the meetings.

New Business: Samantha Tappenback and Bob Storer are working on developing a workshop on stream gaging on the Flathead River and other tributaries flowing into it. General discussion followed on how stream gaging could benefit different stakeholders in the watershed. The commission general agreed to the workshop as long as it was only a stream gaging informational meeting.

Water compact: Verdell Jackson discussed his letter to the editor on the compact and how there is a clause in the compact that the State of Montana can't be sued. The district court ruled that there should have been a 2/3 vote in the legislature when it was moved forward. That ruling is in the Montana Supreme Court right now, but the courts can't make law, so Verdell felt that the compact should be sent back to the legislature, changed or thrown out.

Adjournment: Rusby Seabaugh moved “to adjourn, Roy Hutchins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Pam Holmquist

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday August 21st, at 7 pm, in the South Campus building second floor conference room.