2/1/22

Flathead River Commission Meeting Minutes.

Submitted by Kenny Breidinger.

Attendance: Ron Trippet, Ginger Rigdon, Samantha Tappenbeck, Donna Pridmore, Henry Oldenberg, Hailey Graf and Kenny Breidinger.

Introductions.

Donna summarized the Flathead River Erosion and Prevention Study.

Discussion held on the FRC bylaws and the lack of guidance on restoring an active River Commission after years of inactivity. It was determined that appointed members were the only current members and everyone else's terms had expired.

Interested individuals, many of whom were former members submitted letters of interest to the Flathead County Conservation District (FCD) prior to the January 310 meeting. Prior to FCD approval, these individuals needed a recommendation for membership from the FRC.

Donna and Kenny recommended that applicants who had submitted letters of interest to the FCD be approved for FRC membership.

Henry Oldenberg wrote and submitted a letter of interest during the meeting. This will be considered by the FRC and a recommendation will be made to the FCD.

Kenny alerted the group that a petition for a no wake regulation on Church Slough was on the agenda for the Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting on Friday.

Discussion was held on what we would like from the WPIC and possible outcomes.

Discussion held on agenda items for the next meeting.

Discussion held on meeting times. We agreed to start the next meeting at 7:00 pm on February 15.

Henry recommended we be conscientious of landowner rights when determining study sites and expressed his concern that landowners may not allow us to access their properties due to concerns that we may find environmental violations. He also mentioned that ongoing problems with trespass and vandalism along the river may make landowners less likely to participate with this project. Kenny assured him that we would not trespass and work closely with landowners participating in the study.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 pm.

June 1, 2022	Mark Sol	Chairperson
Date	Signature	Title