

2/15/22

Draft Flathead River Commission Meeting Minutes.

Submitted by Kenny Breidinger.

Attendance: Ron Trippet, Ginger Rigdon, Samantha Tappenbeck, Donna Pridmore, Kenny Breidinger, Mark Siderius, Gary Sawery, Bob Storer, Elise Robocker.

Mark S and Samantha T updated the group on the Flathead River erosion project including SJ28, the Water Policy Interim Committee WPIC and the boat wake study.

Donna P moves to accept the draft February 1 minutes as submitted. Elise R seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

Donna P gave a brief summary of the last meeting including preparation for the WPIC meeting in March.

Kenny updated the group on the no wake petition for Church Slough. The Fish and Wildlife Commission considered the petition and decided to form a work group consisting of representatives from the interested user groups to determine possible solutions and make a recommendation to the commission.

Office elections

Kenny B nominates Mark S for Chair of the FRC. Bob S seconds. There are no other nominations. Mark S is Chair of the FRC.

Bob S nominates Elise R for the Vice Chair of the FRC. Donna P seconds. There are no other nominations. Elise R is Vice Chair of the FRC.

Kenny B nominates Hailey G for Secretary of the FRC. Donna P seconds. There are no other nominations. Hailey G is Secretary of the FRC.

Discussion held on the FRC meeting schedule. An email poll of the membership will determine what works best for the membership.

Discussion held on recruiting new members. Rusby Seabaugh is interested in participating but does not want to be on the board.

Discussion held on the WPIC and preparations for the next meeting. The WPIC has a draft timeline leading up to the next legislative session.

WPIC has requested a list of possible deliverables that the FCD and FRC would like from them by their July meeting. This will give them time to prepare legislation. They are also requesting information about others in Montana who are experiencing erosion problems due to boat wakes. There will be a panel discussion at the next meeting and Samantha would like the Flathead to be well represented to maintain focus on our problem. They are also requesting more information on the overall erosion problem. The WPIC has funding for a field trip which could be a boat or driving tour to problem sites.

Samantha summarized the Watershed Management Grant.

The information gathered from this study would be useful for the WPIC but the timeline is very tight. The report/deliverable would need to be completed by September to be used by the WPIC. We need to

get started on contracting ASAP. The WPIC also requested a list of possible outcomes. Samantha has a draft list.

Mark S asked about supplemental funding sources. Samantha T explained that many of the potential sources are no longer available or would not fit our timeline.

Discussion held about development of an RFP. It would be useful to have consultants submit itemized proposals based on per site costs. This would allow the FRC to pursue additional funding. Due to the tight timeline a work group will develop the RFP. Bob S and Hailey G volunteered to work with Samantha T and Ginger R on the RFP.

The Watershed Management Grant deliverable may demonstrate the importance of this problem and the WPIC may decide to prepare legislation to fund a "big picture" study of erosion on the FHR.

The next meeting will be March 1 at 7:00 pm at the FCD office. There will be an online option for attendance.

Discussion held on member terms and the remaining positions on the board. This will be addressed at the March 1 meeting.

Elise moves and Donna seconds to adjourn.

<u>June 1, 2022</u>	<u></u>	<u>Chairperson</u>
Date	Signature	Title