

# FLATHEAD RIVER COMMISSION

Flathead River Commission (FRC) Meeting  
Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 7:00PM  
Flathead Conservation District (FCD) conference room

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Mark Siderius called the May 4, 2022, meeting to order at 7:00pm in the conference room of the Flathead Conservation District.

## ***In attendance:***

Mark Siderius, chair; Elise Robocker, vice chair; Kenny Breidinger, MT Fish Wildlife & Parks; Donna Pridmore, Flathead Conservation District (FCD); Pam Holmquist, County Commissioner; Bob Storer, FRC member; Ginger Rigdon, FCD staff, Samantha Tappenbeck, FCD staff.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Donna motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Elise seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business to discuss.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Letter to WPIC
  - Discussed drafted letter to WPIC.
  - Board discussed adding information regarding expanding upon or creating an education and outreach campaign educating the public about boat driven erosion on the Flathead River.

Donna motioned to “approve the letter as modified.” Bob Storer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Prep for WPIC
  - Next WPIC meeting will be held May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>
  - The board has not gotten any communication from WPIC on whether they plan to visit the Flathead and when that will occur.
  - Discussion of SJ28 will occur on Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>. They will discuss operation of SKQ dam in Polson and will hear from the FCD. Samantha will present via Zoom.
  - The drafted letter for WPIC will be signed and sent by Friday, May 6, 2022.

- **Update on erosion study**
  - Tetra Tech is the only response received to the RFP.
    - Tetra Tech provided 3 different studies with various associated costs.
    - It was noted that the proposed project lead has experience in the Flathead and was well respected at his previous job with FWP.
  - Board discussed the three options laid out in the response to the RFP. They noted that the timeline is challenging.
  - FCD installed erosion pins in 5 locations along the lower 22 miles of the Flathead River. The board noted that the proposed wave energy monitoring stations should be located at the location of the installed erosion pins.
  - Kenny explained that this study will likely generate more questions than answers and will be the beginning of a series of studies on erosion in the Flathead River.
  - The board agreed that we should move forward with Tetra Tech and try and negotiate our needs and help influence the study design to better answer our questions.
  - Samantha will present the request to move forward with Tetra Tech to the board of the Flathead CD on May 9, 2022.
  
- **Membership outreach**
  - There are currently two vacancies on the board of the FRC. These can be filled by any resident of Flathead County.
  - FRC will move forward with advertising for new membership. They will use social media, the FCD monthly newsletter and run an ad in the Flathead Beacon.
  
- **Schedule next meeting**
  - The FRC will try to keep a consistent meeting schedule. The board suggested the first Wednesday of every month.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2022, 7:00pm at the Flathead Conservation District office.

**ADJOURN:** Donna Pridmore made a motion "to adjourn." Kenny Breidinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted By: Ginger Rigdon, FCD staff.

*May 4, 2022, minutes approved by FRC board motion made on:*

<u>June 1, 22</u>	<u></u>	<u>Chairperson</u>
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title)