



*Flathead Conservation District*  
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**CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Ronald Buentemeier called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

**Board members present:** Ronald Buentemeier, Chairman; Pete Woll, Vice Chairman; Camisha Sawtelle, Secretary/Treasurer; Dean Sirucek, Supervisor; John Ellis, Supervisor; Mark Siderius, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Also in attendance were: Valerie Kurth and Kari Musgrove, FCD staff; Leo Rosenthal & Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Robert Lee, Flathead Audubon; Jimmy Deats, JD Thinning; Greg Niles; Mick Ruis; Bill Goldberg; John Snyder; Rob Smith; and Andrew Beltz, Forestation.

**MINUTES:** Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2015 business meeting as presented.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. March 31, 2015 issue of MACD’s “The Montana Conservationist”
2. Email – NRCS announces new State Conservationist, Lisa Coverdale, beginning May 4.
3. Flathead County Planning Board workshop April 8, 2015, 6:00 P.M., at 1035 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West, Kalispell.
4. Whitefish City Planning Board meeting notice & agenda, Thursday, April 16, 2015, 6:00 P.M., Whitefish City Council Chambers, Whitefish.
5. MT. Dept. of Agriculture announcement: Federal grant proposals through the Specialty Crop Block Grant program are due April 22. Contact grant Program Manager, Jim Auer at 406-444-5424.

**FINANCIAL:** The following bills were reviewed:

1. USGS \$1650.00
2. Byte Savvy \$45.00
3. FFE \$5000.00
4. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
5. MontanaSky Networks \$20.00
6. Mountain States Leasing – Kalispell \$1545.56
7. NW Montana Fair \$340.00
8. Safeguard Business Systems \$55.11
9. Sam Cordi Land Surveying & Mapping Inc. \$815.00
10. Flathead Lakers \$3,000.00
11. Flathead Lakers \$2700.00

Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve the bills as presented.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Jimmy Deats from JD Thinning, presented a 310 application for a project along Flathead River. Discussion held. An on-site inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 8:45 A.M. at the site.

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**BEARD**, FL2015011, Flathead River, dock & locker structure: An on-site inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2015, 1:35 P.M. at the site.

**CRAIG**, FL2015009, Ashley Creek, irrigation structure: An on-site inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 10:15 AM at the site.

**DIXON**, FL2015004, Whitefish River, dock: Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per John Ellis’s and FWP’s team member reports, with the dock length of 21-feet. The applicant must provide a copy of the Covenants Conditions & Restrictions (CCR’s) for the ownership of the building showing that each unit owns one dock. The 15-day waiting period is waived with concurrence by FWP.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**EUREKA TOWN PUMP**, FL2015016, Stillwater River, bank stabilization: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to table pending further information from the applicant.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**FISH/ROTH**, FL2014051, Swan River, dock/permit modification request: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to approve the permit modification request submitted 3/26/2015, for a 25-foot dock and 25-foot gangway.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously.

**HAMILTON**, FL2015002C, Flathead River, complaint: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to table until the site is viewable.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ILLICH**, FL2014033C, Flathead River, complaint: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to table until the site is viewable.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLIVO**, FL2014055C, Crystal Creek, complaint: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “this is not a violation as defined by district rules. The file is closed.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**OSBORN LANDING**, FL2015014, Swan River, brush thinning/trimming: An on-site inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 9:00 A.M. at the site.

**PLOCKI**, FL2014008, Flathead River, permit extension request: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to approve the permit extension for one year.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ROBBINS**, FL2015015, Flathead River/Wiley Slough, wildlife observ. blind: An on-site inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 1:30 P.M. at the site.

**SCOTT**, FL2015007, Flathead River, dock/gangway: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the permit with modifications per Ronald Buentemeier’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports, and waive the 15-day waiting period.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**STORER**, FL2015013, Rose Creek, steps: An on-site inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2015, 2:00 P.M. at the site.

**TAYLOR**, FL2015008, Flathead River, willow cutting: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application as submitted.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**VALENTINO**, FL2015012, Flathead River, dock & locker structure: An on-site inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2015, 1:35 P.M. at the site.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**JOINT APPLICATION FORM:** Discussion held regarding potential joint permit application revisions. The form is still under draft. The final version will be distributed to all the supervisors upon release.

**FLATHEAD EDUCATOR’S GUIDE DNRC GR #223-14-3350 (AMD):** Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve and sign amendment #1 to Flathead Educator’s Guide DNRC grant #223-14-3350.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**FLOOD DAY:** Kari Musgrove updated the Board on Flood Awareness Day. Discussion held. Camisha Sawtelle made a motion “to approve \$228 for Flood Awareness Day expenses.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS:** Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to award 2015 college scholarships as follows: \$1500 to Destiny Brewer and Raylene Kerney, \$1000 to Hannah Liss and Chiree Bondurant, and \$500 to Elijah Frandsen.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF**

- **FAMILY FORESTRY EXPO SIGN-UP (FFE May 4-8)**
- **COST-SHARE PROGRAM**

The next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2015, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Pete Woll made a motion “to adjourn.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Submitted By: Valerie Kurth, Resource Conservationist

*Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:*

\_\_\_\_4/27/2015\_\_\_\_*Ronald Buentemeier*\_\_\_\_\_*Chairman*\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Signature) (Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.)