



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; Mark Siderius, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Board members not in attendance: John Ellis, Supervisor. Absence is excused.

Also in attendance were: Valerie Kurth, Ginger Kauffman and Kari Musgrove, FCD staff; Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Corey D. Cheff & David Cheff; Monte White; Richard Sauerbier; Jim Watson, Jim Cameron; Jay Wolfe; Raymond Brown; Ray Halloran, Applied Water; Stephanie Hester, DNRC; Jay Sandelin.

MINUTES: Dean Sirucek made a motion "to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2015 business-meeting as presented." Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Summer issue of "Pipeline Awareness" - safety information for public officials
2. July issue of USDA publication "Agroforestry Notes"
3. Notice: Whitefish Planning Board meeting, Thursday, August 20, 6:00 P.M.
4. MACD Resolution Process
5. Carbon CD is sponsoring a Healthy Soil Tour, August 27, 9:00 A.M.
Contact 406-962-3641.
6. Lincoln CD will host the Area V meeting Wednesday, September 30.
7. Contact Kate Vogel at 406-600-5205 regarding upcoming Cover Crop workshops across the state.
8. Ranch Resource Roundup in Miles City, September 1-2. Contact 406-951-2799
9. Summer issue of Lewis & Clark CD newsletter "The Explorer"

FINANCIAL: The following bills were reviewed:

1. Byte Savvy \$45.00
2. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
3. Mountain States Leasing - Kalispell \$1545.56
4. Flathead Lakers \$4290.00

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Richard Sauerbier commended the district board and staff for their professionalism, timeliness and cooperation as he learned the 310 process, even though the complaint he filed was found not to be a violation.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS): Stephanie Hester, DNRC, reported FWP did a pre-comprehensive survey on lower Flathead River to assess aquatic invasive species (AIS) curly leaf pond weed & flowering rush. FWP will create a map showing where the infestations are and recommend a plan for eradication.

Dean Sirucek asked if any additional considerations should be listed in a 310 permit if the project is in a potential area where AIS have been located. The current Adopted Rules do not address AIS. Stephanie noted AIS protocols are listed in 124-permits. FCD Supervisors & FWP noted they could be more aware when doing 310 on-site inspections on lower Flathead River.

(310):

BIBLER, FL2015034, Unnamed, culvert: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Dean Sirucek’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously

BIBLER, FL2015035, Unnamed, culvert & bridge: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “this is not a project.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BIGFORK VENTURES, FL2015040, Swan River, bank stabilization: An on-site inspection was set for Wednesday, August 12, 8:45 AM at the site.

CRAIG, FL2015039, Tamarack Creek, culverts/road: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, August 18, 8:45 AM at the site.

FH STOLTZE L&L, FL2015038E, S. Fork Canyon Creek, notice of emergency: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the notice of emergency.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HAMILTON, FL2015002C, Flathead River, complaint: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “the landowner must turn in an after-the-fact application for work initiated without a 310-permit.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously carried.

HAMILTON, FL2015041, Flathead River, trail: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Ronald Buentemeier’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HANCOCK, FL2015033, Swan River, trim brush: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to approve the application as submitted. The on-site is waived with concurrence by FWP. The 15-day waiting period is waived.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ILLICH, FL2014033C (FL2014058), Flathead River, complaint: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “work has been completed under permit #FL2014058, and the violation is satisfied.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEHL, FL2015027, Stillwater River trib., permit modification request: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, September 1, 9:00 AM at the site.

NORTHERN RIDGEBACK LLC, FL2015043, Abbot Creek, culvert: An on-site was set for Tuesday, August 18, 10:50 AM at the Deerlick.

PLUM CREEK TIMBER, FL2015036, unnamed stream, culvert: Dean Sirucek. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to approve the application as submitted.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VARDELL, FL2015042, Whitefish River, tree removal: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, August 18, 2:45 PM at the site.

WHITE, FL2015030, Browns Creek, residential structure: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to deny the application because of the proximity of the cabin being built between the stream and the tributary; the cabin is proposed to be built within 20 feet of the top of the bank.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Pete Woll made a motion “the fill that was placed between Brown’s Creek & the tributary is to be pulled back to the parking area, and exposed areas sloped and seeded to prevent erosion. The applicant is to submit a seeding plan to the FCD.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried with one no vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

FLATHEAD BASIN COMMISSION AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) SUPPORT: Dean Sirucek reported Flathead Basin Commission (FBC) has operated & funded one of the AIS watercraft inspection stations (WIS) for the last 3 years. This year the station was moved from Coram to Browning, where it checks watercraft east to Reservation waters and west to Flathead waters. The current FBC budget is insufficient, and lack of donations has created a shortfall to fully support this WIS through 2015. The Swan Lakers, Flathead Lakers, and DNRC have contributed some funding; however, they are approximately \$10,000 short of totally funding the station. The Browning station has already stopped 2 boats with AIS this year. Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve \$5000 from the Watershed Other line in the budget for the Browning AIS station.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

310 ADMIN GR #CDA-15-1696: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve the final report for 310 Administrative grant #CDA-15-1696 and submit to DNRC.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF

- Team Member Reports & photos
- Letter from ACOE re: Wagoner's

The next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2015, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Siderius made a motion "to adjourn." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

8/24/2015 Ronald Buentemeier Chairman
(Date) (Signature) (Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.)