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CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE: Chair Pete Woll, called the April 8, 2021, Budget & Strategic Planning meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Board members present

Pete Woll, Chair; John Ellis, Vice Chair; Lech Naumovich, Secretary/Treasurer; Scott Rumsey, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Board members absent: Donna Pridmore; Supervisor; Verdell Jackson. Absences are excused.

Also, in attendance were Kody Coxen, Associate Supervisor; Hailey Graf, Samantha Tappenbeck, Ginger Kauffman, Flathead Conservation District (FCD) Staff; Fiona Handler, Big Sky Watershed Corps Member.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one was present to comment on items not listed on the agenda.

Supervisor Appointment Acceptance:

John Ellis motioned "to accept Scott Rumsey, as a Supervisor; and Emily Harkness, Kody Coxen, and Gordon Ash as Associate Supervisors." Lech Naumovich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

The board and staff discussed the intention and goals of the meeting as increasing general understanding of the FCD budget and revenue as well as creating a better link between the workplan and the budget.

Hailey provided everyone with copies of the 2020-2021 workplan and reviewed the four goals described in it. The four goals include:

1. Be an effective conservation district through strong organizational administration, management, and partnerships
2. Administer the Montana Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act (310 Law)
3. Conduct public outreach and education
4. Implement on-the-ground projects and programs to enhance and maintain natural resources

The board then did an activity to describe how much of their time Supervisors think they spend on each goal versus how much time they think the FCD should be spending on each goal.

Hailey and Lech also provided the Supervisors with a summary of the budget and how it is broken down. Everyone reviewed and discussed the major expenses of the FCD and areas where funds are being best utilized. Overall, everyone agreed that the board and staff are spending a greater proportion of time on administration of 310-permits than is ideal.

Ideas were suggested for increasing efficiency of 310-permit administration and creating opportunities to put resources towards the other goals. A few ideas included bringing on additional interns or Big Sky Watershed Corps members, co-sponsoring projects outside the FCD, expanding funding towards landowner assistance programs, prioritizing watershed areas for restoration, and contracting some work for 310-permits.

All agreed that another meeting would be beneficial to review suggestions from staff and Supervisors. As a couple Supervisors were not present for this meeting, a second budget planning meeting will be scheduled during the 310-meeting on April 12, 2021.

The next 310-meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2021, 7:00 P.M. via ZOOM

Adjournment: John Ellis motioned "to adjourn." Lech Naumovich seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

Submitted By:

Hailey Graf
Resource Conservationist

Ginger Kauffman
Administrator

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

4/26/2021 Pete Woll Chair
(Date) (Signature) (Title - Chair etc.)