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### **CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Ronald Buentemeier called the April 10, 2017, 310-Stream Permit meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

#### **Board members present:**

Ronald Buentemeier, Chairman; Pete Woll, Vice Chairman; Lori Curtis, Supervisor; Mark Siderius, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

**Board members absent:** John Ellis, Supervisor; Dean Sirucek, Secretary/Treasurer. Absences are excused.

Also in attendance were: Valerie Kurth, Cynthia Ingelfinger and Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Leo Rosenthal and Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Samantha Tappenbeck, Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Montana (SWCDM); Holly McKenzie; Kristy Whitsitt.

### **MINUTES**

Mark Siderius made a motion "to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2017 Business meeting as presented." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Email: The local FireSafe Flathead group is hosting a public event, *Era of Megafires*, April 25, 2017, 6:00 P.M., Flathead Valley Community College, Arts & Technology Building, Room 139. Contact Ali Ulwelling, DNRC, 751-2270.
  2. Email: Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Montana (SWCDM) March 29, 2017 issue of *The Montana Conservationist*. [www.swcdmi.org](http://www.swcdmi.org)
  3. Email: 2017 High Divide Workshops (Ranchlands, Recreation, Forests), April 4-5, Lewis & Clark Room, University of Montana Western, Dillon, MT. Contact Stacey Barta, Rangeland Resource Program Coordinator, 406-930-0693, [sbarta@mt.gov](mailto:sbarta@mt.gov) OR <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/conservation-districts/rangeland-resource-program>
  4. Email: Little Beaver Conservation District is co-hosting the *Soil to Skillet Event*, Saturday, April 22, 1:00 – 7:00 P.M., Fallon County Fairground Exhibit Hall, Baker, MT. Registration deadline 4/10/2017. Contact 406-778-7110 or email [falloncarter1@montana.edu](mailto:falloncarter1@montana.edu)
  5. Email: Montana Joint Mussel Response Team educational event to spread awareness about the risks and impacts invasive species pose to Montana's waters and lands, Monday, April 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Montana State Capitol rotunda in Helena. <http://musselresponse.mt.gov>
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The Montana Joint Mussel Response Team will also host open houses in April to discuss the upcoming watercraft inspection season, new regulations, and local boater program certification. The open houses will run from 6-8 p.m., with a presentation beginning at 6:15 p.m. Local boaters can be certified after the presentation. Preregistration is not required. Dates and locations:

- April 4 – Great Falls, Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, 4201 Giant Springs Road,
  - April 6 – Lewistown, FWP area office, 215 W. Aztec Drive by the airport,
  - April 7 – Shelby, Marias River Electric Coop, 910 W. Roosevelt Highway,
  - April 10 – Chester, Liberty County Senior Center, 6<sup>th</sup> St. E.,
  - April 12 – Havre, Great Northern Inn, 1345 1<sup>st</sup> St.,
  - April 17 – Choteau, public library meeting room, 17 Main Ave. N.,
  - April 18 – Conrad, Pondera County Shooting Sports Complex, 972 Granite St.
  - April 20 – Fort Benton, city hall, 1204 Front St.
6. Email: Montana Ag Summit 2017, May 31 – June 1, Montana ExpoPark, Great Falls, MT. [www.AgSummitMontana.com](http://www.AgSummitMontana.com)
  7. Email: Whitefish Planning Board meeting, April 20, 2017, 6:00 P.M., Whitefish City Council Chambers. [406-863-2410](tel:406-863-2410)
  8. Email: Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) March 31, 2017 & April 7, 2017 issues of *News from the Front* [www.macdnet.org](http://www.macdnet.org)
  9. Cascade Conservation District April 2017 newsletter *Conservation Chronicle* [www.cascadecd.com](http://www.cascadecd.com)
  10. Email: Lewis & Clark Conservation District spring 2017 newsletter *The Explorer* [lccd@mt.net](mailto:lccd@mt.net)
  11. Email: Flathead Lakers April newsletter *River 2 Lake News* <https://flatheadlakers.org>
  12. Email: MACD/SWCDM March monthly report.
  13. Email: Information from Bitterroot CD regarding 2017 Youth Conservation & Education Expo, May 13, Teller Wildlife Refuge, Corvallis, MT. 406-361-6181, [bcd@qwestoffice.net](mailto:bcd@qwestoffice.net), [bitterrootconservationdistrict.net](http://bitterrootconservationdistrict.net)
  14. Email: The Water Activities Work Group (WAWG) will be holding a webinar/conference call May 3, 2017, 9:00-11:00AM to provide comments to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), on the merits of using Environmental Quality Incentives Program funding to pay for streambank stabilization practices (rip-rap, root-wad revetments, etc). Contact: Mark Ockey, Water Quality Specialist, MT DEQ Watershed Protection Section, 406-444-5351, [mockey@mt.gov](mailto:mockey@mt.gov)

### **FINANCIAL**

The following bills were reviewed:

1. Byte Savvy \$45.00
2. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
3. Safeguard Business Systems \$175.20
4. Susan D. Hulslander, CPA \$291.00
5. Whitefish County Water & Sewer District \$5201.63
6. SWCDM \$25.00
7. Hampshire College \$2000.00



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

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

**HB223 GRANT SPONSORSHIP REQUEST:** Holly McKenzie made a request to the board to sponsor a 223-grant for the 2017 Montana Natural Resource Youth Camp (MNRYC). Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to sponsor the 223-grant application for MNRYC.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**THOMPSON RIVER WATERSHED RESTORATION PLAN (WRP):** Samantha Tappenbeck, SWCDM, updated the board on progress of the Lower Clark Fork Working Group on the Thompson River drainage WRP. Discussion held regarding stakeholder input and outreach.

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**DUNLAP, FL2017005, Whitefish River, dock:** Discussion held. Lori Curtis made a motion “to approve the application as submitted. The 15-day waiting period is waived.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**HALE, FL2017009C, Swift Creek, complaint:** Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to send the standard complaint letter to Hale.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**J&J RANCH LLC, FL2017003C, Haskill Creek, complaint:** Discussion held. Lori Curtis made a motion “to table pending a response from the landowner.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**KELLEY, FL2016043C/FL2017002, Ashley Creek tributary, complaint/inspection:** An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, April 25, 1:00 P.M. at the site.

**LEWIS, FL2017012, Ashley Creek, culverts/bank stabilization/road construction:** An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, May 2, 9:45 A.M. at the site.

**ORDWAY, FL2017010E, Stillwater River, notice of emergency:** An on-site inspection was set for Wednesday, May 3, 10:00 A.M. at the site.

**WHITSITT, FL2017011, Flathead River, bank stabilization/landscape:** An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, April 25, 9:00 A.M. at the site.



### **NEW BUSINESS**

**STAFF TRAINING:** Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to approve the 3/27/17 phone poll for staff to attend the training on April 3<sup>rd</sup> totaling \$360.00.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**FAMILY FORESTRY EXPO (FFE):** Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve \$9000.00 for FFE 2017.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF**

- Clark Fork Basin Council meeting
- Family Forestry Expo schedule
- 2017 GIS Audit
- Lori Curtis reported the Whitefish Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program is fully funded and will begin May 1.
- Legislative - SB367
- Trumbull Creek - water issues south of the airport

Pete Woll made a motion “to close the meeting to discuss the Resource Conservationist Performance evaluation.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion held.

Pete Woll made a motion “to re-open the FCD meeting.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:** Pete Woll made a motion “to give Valerie Kurth a raise to Grade 9 Step 5. This goes into effect at the beginning of the next pay period.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The next business-meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2017, 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 8:35 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

*Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:*

<u>4/24/2017</u>	<u>Ronald Buentemeier</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.)

