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

Chairman Ronald Buentemeier called the May 8, 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; Dean Sirucek, Secretary/Treasurer; Lori Curtis, Supervisor; John Ellis, Supervisor; Mark Siderius, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Also in attendance were: Valerie Kurth, Cynthia Ingelfinger and Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Leo Rosenthal and Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Rose Madison; Scott Eklund; James Marsh; Travis Marsh; Gregg & Jana Price; Barbara Taylor; Robert Dills; Bill Whitsitt; Stan Converse.

### **MINUTES**

Mark Siderius made a motion "to approve the minutes of the 4/24/2017 Business meeting as presented." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Email: Montana Association of Conservation Districts Employee Organization (MACDEO) Statewide Training, June 14-16, 2017, Jorgenson's Inn, Helena. Registration cost \$125.00. Contact Cascade Conservation District, 406-727-3603, Ext. 125. [www.cascadecd.com](http://www.cascadecd.com)
  2. Email: *The Basics of 310* webinar, Wednesday, May 31, 9:30 A.M. There are only 26 slots available to view the webinar. Contact Dave Martin, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC), [dmartin@mt.gov](mailto:dmartin@mt.gov)
  3. USDA National Agroforestry Center information sheets, notes and newsletters are now available at <https://nac.unl.edu>
  4. Email: DNRC's Watershed Management Grant (WMG) Program cycle opens May 1. Applications due June 30. To apply: [www.fundingmt.gov](http://www.fundingmt.gov)  
WMG program website: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/caridd/resource-development/renewable-resource-grant-program/watershed-management-grant-program>
  5. Email: Convention will be held November 14-15, in Bozeman at the Holiday Inn. Reserve rooms at a discounted rate now by calling 406-758-4561 and mention the MACD room block.
  6. Email: Lower Musselshell Conservation District spring newsletter *LMCD Conservation News*. <http://lmcdistrict.com>
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7. Fergus & Petroleum Conservation Districts are co-hosting the Montana Range Tour, September 6-7, Lewistown. Contact Stacey Barta, DNRC Rangeland Resource Program Coordinator, [406-444-6619](tel:406-444-6619), or [406-930-0693](tel:406-930-0693).
8. Thank-you card from MSU Extension Forestry for support of the Project Learning Tree (PLT) programs.
9. Email: Whitefish Planning Board meeting, May 18, 6:00 P.M., temporary Whitefish City Council Chambers, 1005 Baker Avenue. [www.cityofwhitefish.org](http://www.cityofwhitefish.org)
10. Email: Gallatin Conservation District May newsletter *Conservation Journal*. <http://www.gallatincd.org>
11. Email: Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Montana (SWCDM) April 17<sup>th</sup> issue of *The Montana Conservationist* <http://swcdm.org>
12. Email: Beaverhead Conservation District has an opening for a part-time Watershed Assistant Coordinator. Contact 406-683-3802 <http://beaverheadcd.org>
13. Email: Montana Ag Summit 2017, May 31-June 1, Montana ExpoPark in Great Falls. To register [www.agsummitmontana.com](http://www.agsummitmontana.com)
14. Email: Youth Range Camp, July 10-14, McFarland White Ranch, Two Dot, MT. Registration \$200. Send applications to Upper Musselshell Conservation District, Box 201, Harlowton, MT 59036. Contact: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cadd/camps> or [cascadecd.com](http://cascadecd.com)
15. Email: *Open the Gate Workshop: Rejuvenation Soils, Pastures and Profits* event Thursday, June 22, Exhibit Hall - Wibaux County Fairgrounds, Wibaux, MT. Contact Wibaux Conservation District [406-796-2211](tel:406-796-2211), Ext. 106 or Golden Valley Soil Conservation District [701-872-4551](tel:701-872-4551), Ext. 3
16. Email: Irrigation Development Grant program is accepting applications May 1- June 15. Contact Ann Kulczyk, 406-228-4129, PO Box 231, Glasgow. <https://fundingmt.org>
17. Email: Below Ground Livestock, an Agronomy & Range Soil Health Tour, June 13-14, Norley Hall, Conrad, MT. Contact Pondera County Conservation District or NRCS 406-278-7611, Ext. 3, or email [Lorri.Grosfield@mt.nacdnet.net](mailto:Lorri.Grosfield@mt.nacdnet.net)

### **FINANCIAL**

The following bills were reviewed:

1. Anders Business Solutions \$131.25
2. Byte Savvy \$225.00
3. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
4. MontanaSky Networks \$20.00
5. Montana State Fund \$446.02
6. Mountain States Leasing – Kalispell \$1545.56
7. Washington State University \$2,000.00

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



### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Gregg and Jana Price spoke to the board about water from Trumbull Creek flooding their property. Mr. Price stated he understands it is a wet spring, but he did not have a problem until the road, which is on a neighboring property, was built. The flooding is worse than it was in 2011. Mr. Price stated that Mark Mussman, Flathead County Planning & Zoning, looked at site and said he would work with the district. Mr. Price noted the 2013 RDG analysis showed more adequate culverts or a bridge is needed, and asked if the FCD could figure something out.

Ronald Buentemeier asked Mr. Price to submit a letter stating what has happened. Mark Siderius and Ronald Buentemeier will contact County Planning & Zoning and the County Road Department then get back to Mr. Price.

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP:** Rose Madison thanked the board for the college scholarship and talked about her studies, schools she will be attending and her long term work plans.

### **310**

**BELL**, FL2017017, Unnamed, debris removal/repair dam-outlet: An on-site inspection was set for Monday, May 15, 9:15 A.M. at the site.

**BROWN**, FL2016021, Rose Creek, permit extension request: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion "to approve a one-year permit extension." Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**HALE**, FL2017009C, Swift Creek, complaint: An on-site inspection was set for Monday, May 15, 1:00 P.M. at the site.

**J&J RANCH LLC**, FL2017003C, Haskill Creek, complaint: An on-site inspection was set for Monday, May 15, 2:00 P.M. at the site.

**KAPTANIAN**, FL2017015C, Wild Bill Creek, complaint: James Marsh stated the previous owner had received a 310-permit for a culvert on property he currently owns. Mr. Marsh said his concern is that the culvert was not installed properly, and noted they could not see the site when they purchased the property due to snow cover. Mr. Marsh stated that the fill around the culvert is eroding, and he had armored the bank at each end with rocks. He asked what could be done.

Dean Sirucek and Ronald Buentemeier viewed the site before the complaint was filed. Discussion held regarding the prior permit. Ronald Buentemeier stated that he contacted the attorney Don MacIntyre and Laurie Zeller, DNRC, about this complaint. The district has no recourse on the previous owner, however, Mr. Marsh can apply for a 310-permit to fix the culvert. Mr. Marsh has the option to go through civil court with the previous owner.

Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion "this is not a violation." John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



**KELLEY**, FL2016043C/FL2017002, Ashley Creek tributary, rock placement/fill/debris: Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “that FL2016043C is a violation. Mr. Kelley can either file an after-the-fact permit application to correct this violation (the irrigation pipe), or modify application FL2017002 to include this violation (the irrigation pipe).” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**LASZEWSKI**, FL2017013, Whitefish River, dock: An on-site inspection was set for Monday, May 15, 11:40 A.M. at the site. NOTE: On-site was re-scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 8:40 A.M. at the site.

**LEWIS**, FL2017012, Ashley Creek, culvert/road construction/bank stabilization: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to table.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The on-site inspection is scheduled for Tuesday May 9th.

**MT DOT**, FL2017014, Ashley Creek, utilities: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “this is not a project because it exceeds the district requirements.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDWAY**, FL2017010E, Stillwater River, Notice of Emergency: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to approve the notice of emergency. However, an after-the-fact permit application must be submitted for revegetation plans.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PACIFICORP HYDRO RESOURCES**, FL2017016, Swan River, ramp: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, May 30, 9:00 AM at the site.

**STALOWY**, FL2016050, Bear Creek, weed control & re-vegetation plans: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to table until after the results of the Bear Creek Declaratory Ruling.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**TAYLOR**, FL2017018, Idaho Creek, culvert: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, May 16, 9:00 A.M. at the turnout just after mile marker 104.

**WHITSITT**, FL2017011, Flathead River, landscaping: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per the team member reports. The 15-day waiting period is waived with concurrence by Fish Wildlife & Parks.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.



**MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF**

- Helena Flats Tour
- Stillwater River & Whitefish River: bank failure, slumps and natural sloughing

The next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2017, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Verdell Jackson made a motion “to adjourn.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

*Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:*

<u>5/22/2017</u>	<u>Ronald Buentemeier</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.)

