



Flathead Conservation District
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CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Chair Pete Woll called the June 10, 2019, 310-Stream Permit meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

Board members present:

Pete Woll, Chair; Lori Curtis Vice Chair; Ronald Buentemeier, Supervisor; John Ellis, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; Lech Naumovich; Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Board members absent: Dean Sirucek, Secretary/Treasurer. Absence is excused.

Also, in attendance were Valerie Kurth, Hailey Graf and Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Leo Rosenthal and Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Jamie Roth; Gary Purdy; Sharon Wilhelm; Robert Dills; Todd Krost; Harold & Connie Hogan; Travis Tennessee; Jeff Evans; Casey Malmquist; Gary Bolhuis; Roger Noble; Bruce Boody; John Murer.

MINUTES

Ronald Buentemeier motioned “to approve the minutes of the 5/28/2019 Special meeting as presented.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Email: **Events, Meetings**

1. Soil Health Workshop, June 11, Noon -5:00 P.M., Borden Hotel & Conference Room, 103 W. Legion, Whitehall, MT. Contact Dave Scott 406-490-7596
2. Montana Youth Range Camp, June 25-28, Bozeman. Contact 406-282-4350
www.gallatin.macdnet.org
3. Whitefish Planning Board Meeting, Thursday, June 20, 6:00 P.M., Whitefish City Council Chambers.
4. Montana Range Tour, September 4-5, 2019, Harlowton, MT. Agenda & registration details coming soon
5. Dalmatian Toadflax Biocontrol Workshop, June 12, 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M., Helena. Contact 406-253-4223 mmaggio@missoulaeduplace.org
6. Free Aquatic Invasive Species training for Natural Resource Educators, June 21, Kalispell. Contact Sarah 518-727-8275, uppercolumbia3@gmail.com



Email: **Newsletters**

1. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) *eResource, Conservation Clips, Forestry Notes* www.nacdnet.org
2. Custer Conservation District *Conservation Update* carol.watts@mt.nacdnet.net
3. Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Montana (SWCDM) *the Montana Conservationist* www.swcdm.org
4. Montana Watershed Coordination Council *Watershed News* <https://mtwatersheds.org/app/>

Email: **Other**

1. MT Dept. of Agriculture, Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Adoption & Amendment – hemp processing and fees. View the proposal notice to adopt New Rules I and II and amend ARM 4.19.101 at the Secretary of State’s website sosmt.gov/arm/register in the Montana Administrative Register (MAR) Issue No. 11 on pages 698-701. Concerned persons may submit their data, views or comments orally or in writing at the public hearing, June 28, 2019, 9:00 A.M. Written data, view or comments may be submitted via mail to MT Dept. of Agriculture, 302 N. Roberts, Helena, MT, or agr@mt.gov. Comments due July 19, 2019, 5:00 P.M. Contact agr@mt.gov or Chelsi Bay 406-444-3156.
2. DNRC Rangeland Improvement Loan Program. Contact 406-444-6668 <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/conservation-districts/range-improvement-loan-program>
3. Thank-you cards for Education Grants College Scholarships, Wetland Education Day

FINANCIAL

The following bills were reviewed:

1. Anthony Pepe \$303.46
2. Byte Savvy \$155.00
3. Flathead Audubon Society \$1,763.12
4. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
5. Flathead Co. School Dist. #6 \$2,660.00
6. Flathead County Weed Dept. \$261.80
7. Lorne R. Kermath III \$262.50
8. MACDEO \$45.00
9. Montana State Fund \$311.81
10. Rheannon MacFarland \$211.50
11. Whitefish School Dist. #44 \$968.28
12. Whitefish School Dist. #44 \$200.00
13. Montana State University Bozeman \$1,000.00
14. Montana State University Bozeman \$1,000.00
15. Montana State University Bozeman \$1,000.00

Lori Curtis motioned “to approve the bills as presented.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Bell, FL2017017, unnamed, bank stabilization/removed debris/repair dam/outlet, fish habitat: Robert Dill explained that a permit for pond dredging was approved in 2017, then an extension was approved last year. He hired a contractor to do the work, however, the contractor was unable to complete the project due to equipment issues. Robert asked the board for an additional six-month extension to hire a new contractor and complete the project. The permit expires 6/12/2019. Supervisors agreed that an extension could be approved without the applicant needing to reapply.

Lori Curtis motioned “to approve extending permit #FL2017017 for an additional 6-months”. Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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95 Karrow LLC, FL2019017, Whitefish River, trail & dock revisions: John Ellis stated that at the last business meeting the board asked the applicant to move the trail farther from the river, modify the dock to fit within the rules, and revise the drawings. The revised plans were received 6/3/2019.

John Ellis motioned “to approve the modifications as submitted on 6/3/2019 from Roger Noble and as approved at the last business meeting.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Casey Malmquist expressed his gratitude towards the board for communicating and working with them to come to a resolution

Allison, FL2019030, Whitefish River, addition to existing dock: John Ellis stated this is a request to expand a dock. An onsite inspection was scheduled for May 30th, however, the applicant could not attend and cancelled. After exchanging several emails, today Mr. Allison sent an email stating that he wants to keep the dock as it was originally permitted. John will email Mr. Allison asking him to submit a formal notice of withdrawal.

John Ellis motioned “to table the application until further information is received from the applicant stating that he is withdrawing the application.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Big Mountain Whitefish Resort, FL2019021, First Creek, bridge: Lori Curtis stated the application is for a bridge over a recreational trail at Big Mountain Resort. All work will be done by hand. Lori reviewed the considerations in the Team Member Report. Kenny stated it is a small pedestrian/bike bridge and is similar to others that have been permitted farther to the east. It is part of their trail system. Lori noted that the bridge will help to take pressure off a high traffic section and will provide recreational improvement.

Lori Curtis motioned “to approve the application as submitted. The 15-day waiting period is waived.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



Bolhuis, FL2019018, Swan River, bank stabilization/fill: Pete Woll showed photos of the area and explained that they want to fortify the retaining wall with more rock. It will tie in with what the neighbors have done upstream and will be very low impact. The work will be done next winter when the water is low. Leo Rosenthal asked how the rock will be installed and Gary Bolhuis responded that it will be placed from land using a small, rubber-tired excavator that will cause little to no damage to the bank or existing vegetation.

Pete Woll motioned “to approve the application as submitted per the Team Member Report.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bolhuis, FL2019029E, Swan River, notice of emergency: Pete Woll stated he and Leo Rosenthal conducted an onsite inspection. The retaining wall was starting to wash underneath, and the applicant feared additional damage. They were able to stabilize the wall and Pete expressed that work was done exceptionally well; however, this was a temporary solution until they can get their permit to do the remainder of the work.

Pete Woll motioned “to approve the notice of emergency.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Clement, FL2019035, Swims Creek, utilities: An onsite inspection was scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 9:00 A.M. at the site.

Daisy Property Holdings, FL2019028, Flathead River, culvert/fill: Ronald Buentemeier showed photos from the onsite inspection and described the project. He stated that the applicant is trying to raise the homesite up to get out of the 100-year floodplain. The first part of the project is to place a culvert in a channel that very seldomly has water. Ronald stated he didn’t think this part was under the district’s jurisdiction.

Ronald continued by showing photos of the homesite area where the applicant plans to dig out an area and fill in another area to build the house site up. The photos also showed the corner stakes of the house, existing trees, and distance from the river. A small pond will also be dug out and supplied by well water. Ronald compared the proposed house site to the water level of the 1964 flood. Ronald stated that he and Kenny Breidinger both felt that it was outside of the district’s 310 jurisdiction and, thus, not a project.

Ronald Buentemeier motioned “this is not a project under our jurisdiction.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Roger Noble explained that a wetland study was conducted, and it was determined not to be a wetland or have any wetland characteristics.

Evans, FL2019024, Flathead River, roof over boat lift/dock: Dean Sirucek was not present at the meeting but did provide a Team Member Report. Kenny Breidinger explained that this application is very similar to the project described in FL2019025. The docks were built several years ago and permitted by the district. They were constructed with the intention of adding a roof over the boatlifts, which is what this application is for. Kenny stated that he



had no real issues with the proposed work. Ronald Buentemeier asked if the two permits are for the same landowner and Kenny explained that a father and son are each applying for a permit to do similar work on docks that are on adjacent properties, which is why Evans is the landowner name on both permits.

Lori Curtis motioned “to approve the application as submitted.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Evans, FL2019025, Flathead River, roof over boat lift/dock: Lori Curtis motioned “to approve the application as submitted.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Glacier Village Greens HOA, FL2019026, Whitefish River, road construction/sediment removal: Ronald Buentemeier explained that the project is to rebuild the water intake for the irrigation system. They will work on an existing access road to get to the site and do some excavation to get the intake to the water. Ronald reviewed considerations in the Team Member Report. Kenny Breidinger stated the whole stream in that area is moving to the left-hand side, depositing sediments and eroding the far bank.

Ronald Buentemeier motioned “to approve the application with modifications per the Team Member Report.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Hayek, FL2019015, Stillwater River, permit modification request: Ronald Buentemeier explained this is the riprap project on the Stillwater River. During the last meeting the board approved the application for riprap/bank stabilization. Mr. Hayek is now requesting a permit modification to increase the length of the riprap from 150 feet to 299 feet. The landowner is extending the riprap downstream to get full use of the ACOE permit. Kenny Breidinger stated that there is a bridge just downstream from Hayek’s property. The riprap, will come close to that bridge, leaving a small section in between that is not rip rapped. Lori Curtis asked if it would pose any issues with the bridge. Kenny stated this is a significant modification and thought another onsite inspection was justified.

An onsite inspection was scheduled for Monday, June 17, 9:00 A.M. at the site.

Hogan, FL2019004, Rose Creek, well/cistern/excavation/structs/utilities: Pete Woll motioned “to approve the phone poll to select a contractor to do work for the technical review.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

John Ellis asked for a reminder about the project. Pete stated that the application is for the construction of a house on a small peninsula between two streams that drain into the Flathead River. The district chose to hire a contractor to conduct a technical review to provide more information. Valerie Kurth stated that the district selected Roger Noble, Water & Environmental Technologies (formerly Applied Water Consulting), as the contractor and has received the signed contract from him. The board now needs to approve the contract so he can conduct the technical review. Roger stated that he plans to do an initial review of the site on Friday, June 14, 2019 so he can get the surveyor lined out.



Pete Woll motioned “to approve the contract between Water & Environmental Technologies Inc. and Flathead CD.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Pete Woll motioned “to table the application until the contractor submits the technical review to Flathead CD at the next 310-meeting.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hogan asked if the dock could be separated from the rest of the application so they could begin work on it while waiting for the technical review. Kenny Breidinger stated that he didn’t have a problem with that and asked if the dock is a floating dock. Mr. Hogan responded yes, the dock will be floating and described the dimensions. Pete stated there will also be a shore station which Mr. Hogan confirmed.

Pete Woll motioned “to approve the dock and shore station as submitted and per the Team Member Report to follow-up.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jacobson, FL2019023C, Whale Creek, complaint: Ronald Buentemeier stated that he and Kenny Breidinger have been to the site several times. This complaint was filed against Jacobson for placing rock without a permit. Jacobson had a permit to do the work, however the permit expired. Ronald talked to Jacobson and asked him to submit a notice of emergency. Kenny stated he would waive the onsite.

An onsite inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 9:30 A.M. at the site.

Jacobson, FL2019032E, Whale Creek, notice of emergency: An onsite inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 9:30 A.M. at the site.

Juno, FL2018034C, Walker Creek, complaint/tabled: Valerie Kurth stated at the last meeting the board moved to send a letter asking Mr. Juno for the status of his project. There has been no response to date. Valerie suggested tabling. John Ellis asked what the complaint was about. Valerie explained that a neighbor plowed an unauthorized road through Juno’s property. Juno then received a 310-permit (#FL2018038) to restore the area. Later, Mr. Juno sent a letter stating he was still waiting for a floodplain permit. This complaint has been tabled waiting for Mr. Juno to submit the Work Completion form so a follow-up inspection could be scheduled.

Ronald Buentemeier motioned “to table until the next meeting.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Kirby, FL2019031, Flathead River, walkway/ramp: An onsite inspection was scheduled for Tuesday, July 2, 9:00 A.M. at the site.

Krost, FL2018070C, Stillwater River, complaint: Verdell Jackson stated that he, Kenny Breidinger and Ronald Buentemeier conducted an onsite inspection. He stated that in 2017 Krost purchased the property and it had three slash piles from the clean-up of three trees



that had blown down. Additional trees blew down during a windstorm in 2018. Krost cut, piled, and removed trees on the bank using a pickup. He did not have a permit.

Verdell Jackson motioned “activity has been initiated on a perennial-flowing stream without a valid permit. To satisfy the complaint, the landowner must submit an after-the-fact application for this work.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Krost, FL2019019, Stillwater River, bank stabilization/tree removal: Verdell Jackson reviewed the application which included the work already done without a permit and additional proposed work. Mr. Krost explained that he wants to remove the three additional leaning trees on the bank. He will leave the root balls in place, re-shape the sheer bank to a less severe grade using a tractor and reseed the area. Kenny Breidinger did not think an additional onsite inspection was necessary and agreed that the after-the-fact permit application adequately satisfies complaint #FL2018070C and covers the proposed additional work.

Verdell Jackson motioned “to approve the application as submitted. This application also satisfies complaint #FL2018070C.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Morscheck, FL2019027, Flathead River, bank stabilization/amended application: Pete Woll showed photos of the site and stated that he and Kenny Breidinger met with the landowners on site on June 4th. The project is for rip rap along the edge of the bank. The work will be done at low water. They will lift the edge of the vegetation, place cloth and riprap, then let the vegetation settle back over the top. This type of work has been done on other projects along this section of the river. It seems to be working well. Most of the problems in this section result from wave action from boats. The landowners also want to install a floating dock with well casings to stabilize it. Kenny Breidinger stated the maximum wing length is 30-feet, but this is 32-feet because it includes the width of the walkway. Pete stated they are going out into the water 44-feet to get the 5-foot depth on Flathead River, which is allowed in the Adopted Rules. John Murer noted that they measured the neighbor’s dock on the next lot to the south and came up with same dimensions.

Pete Woll motioned “to approve the application as submitted, per the Team Member Report, and per the amended application submitted 6/5/19.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Osborne Landing HOA, FL2019034, Swan River, tree removal/trimming/pruning: Pete Woll stated the application is for the same kind of work that has been done in the past, such as pruning lower vegetation while leaving it intact. Leo Rosenthal stated this application also lists limbing some of the cottonwood trees. The representative from Osborne Landing stated that this is a request by some of the landowners to be able to view the river. Leo stated in the past they have trimmed some of the brush to reinvigorate, but he didn’t know about mature cottonwoods. He asked if the trees would benefit or not from limbing, given the goal is to keep the trees alive. Ronald Buentemeier replied it depends on how many branches are removed and how they are cut from the bole. Lori Curtis asked how extensively will they be cut? The representative replied very minimal. Two landowners that



have 2nd floor views have made that request. They want to limb 30-35' up in the trees. The work will be done by a professional.

An onsite inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 9:00 A.M. at the site.

Lech Naumovich stated that 35' seems high to be limbing a tree and could have a serious impact. Leo noted it is a big cottonwood gallery in the floodplain.

Petersen, FL2019036E, Whitefish River, notice of emergency: John Ellis explained that a tree fell in Whitefish River a few weeks ago. He talked to the landowners; however, they did not want to do anything about it. John contacted several agencies (Whitefish Police, FWP, DNRC) but none of them wanted to do anything about it. John left a Notice of Emergency form and a 310-permit application form with the Petersen's, and a Complaint form with the Duck Inn. Someone must have contacted the district because now the Petersen's have submitted a Notice of Emergency. However, someone with Whitefish Tree Service has said they cleaned it up and would like the Flathead CD to pay \$500 for the work. John stated he did not authorize the payment of any funds from the Flathead CD to do any work. John asked if staff had any further information. Hailey Graf stated she had conversations with Terry & Don Peterson, the Duck Inn, and Don MacIntyre. Don recommended the Notice of Emergency process. Chris Leever, from Whitefish Tree Service, contacted her to find out more information about the emergency process. She gave him the information and Chris said he was going to cut out and reduce the safety hazard of tree because that was the biggest issue. He was going to trim the tree by hand but leave the main branch/bole of the tree in the water. There is so much pressure on the bole right now that the only way he could logistically figure out to remove the whole tree would be to use a crane from the bridge, which would require a traffic diversion. Hailey called Kenny Breidinger to confirm that he would not have any problems with the smaller branches that would probably float downstream. Hailey stated she was given the impression that Chris was a friend of the Petersons and they would be working out payment arrangements, but she never discussed payment with either of them. Valerie Kurth stated Chris emailed Ginger Kauffman afterwards and asked if Flathead CD would pay for the work if Don Peterson did not want to. Valerie replied to Chris that the payment did not fall under the district's purview. We have not heard anything more. Kenny Breidinger stated Chris must have done the work almost immediately because he went to the site about 2 days after Hailey contacted him and could not see where the tree even was. John stated the tree is still in the stream. He may have cut some branches, but the tree is still in the river. Hailey stated the reason there was such a safety concern about it was because there's underwater debris from the old bridge right next to the Duck Inn. It creates current in that spot, which the downed tree would push boaters directly into and, thus, posed a safety concern.

An onsite was scheduled for Monday, June 17, 12:40 at the site.

Ronald Buentemeier noted that Flathead County Emergency Services can be contacted in emergencies, as sometimes they can help if there is a safety issue.

Tennison, FL2019020, Flathead River, dock: Pete Woll stated that he and Kenny Breidinger conducted an onsite inspection. The dock will go down and across some existing riprap that was placed about 12 years ago. There will be a main floating section of dock running along



the river, 50-feet long and 5-feet wide, and this will allow them to walk along the edge of the riprap. On one end of the main section there will be two 5'x10' watercraft docks that personal watercraft can be parked on top of. Each will extend 10 feet into the water. The other end of the dock will have a U-shape so the boat can be protected from wave action. The extension section is 10-ft long and 5-ft wide, and the far side of the U is 30-ft long and 5-ft wide.

Ronald Buentemeier asked how the proposed dock meets the district's specifications. Pete stated that because it is on the Flathead River, the dimensions could be adjusted. We asked the landowner if he could shorten it, but the reason the main section has to be 50 feet in length is so the boat can clear the personal watercraft platforms and park at the dock. Ronald reviewed the drawings and asked if the 30 feet is the dock. Pete replied yes, plus the two little pieces on the end. Kenny Breidinger clarified that they are kind of like a floating shore station. Ronald requested more clarification because the dimensions did not appear to meet any of our specifications. Pete agreed that it was larger. Pete asked the landowner about shortening it. Mr. Tennison replied that if he shortened one end, then he would also have to shorten the other, which detracts from what he would like to do. He stated that he would rather the dock get hit by a tree than his boat. Ronald asked if he was worried about trees falling from shore. Tennison replied that he was not worried about trees falling over, but he was worried about trees coming down river. Kenny stated that he is on the outside of the bend. Pete added that it was also right where the fast water meets the slower water. Mr. Tennison explained that the main flow of river is out about 40 feet from shore and this dock extends 20 feet from shore. There is a log that sticks out, which he has a buoy on. Pete noted that one of the photos shows the buoy. Kenny stated the length is ok, and the width of the 30-foot outer wing meets the Adopted Rules. The 50-foot main section is the problem. It is only a 5-foot wide floating dock that is very close to shore, so I have trouble seeing big impacts from this, but it doesn't meet the Adopted Rules. Lori Curtis asked if he thought there were enough good reasons for it given that location. Ronald asked Mr. Tennison why he needed 50 feet on the main section and if his boat was that long. Mr. Tennison replied that his boat was not that long, but he did have jet skis and he wanted to keep them away from where people would be swimming, which will be on the righthand side of the dock. He went on to explain that he wanted to provide protection to the boat when it was parked, and this configuration was the only way to protect it. Ronald summarized that the reason for the exception is to provide the protection that this 30-foot dock offers. Mr. Tennison stated that was correct. Kenny stated this is a floating dock and is only 5-feet wide, so the likelihood of dock parties was low. Pete added that the entire dock will be made of the same material as the personal watercraft stations shown in one of the photos.

Ronald asked what reason would be given to approve this application since it does not conform to the rules. Pete stated the reason is basically for safety and debris protection. Mr. Tennison stated that there is a large log pile just down the river from his property. Lori asked what would happen if he shortened the dock a little. Mr. Tennison stated that it would make it very hard to get in and out. Pete stated that he and Kenny wanted to bring this back to the board because they don't know how to really approach it. They both understood the purpose, but this was a new situation in 310 permitting. Ronald stated that it sounded like it was a safety issue stemming from logs floating downstream and protecting the boat. Ronald stated that he just wanted to make sure it was clearly justified. Lori asked Kenny if safety of



property was a good enough reason to bend the rules. Kenny replied that he did not see a lot of environmental impacts with this dock, but he was struggling with the justification. Lori stated that she preferred to justify it with safety concerns and the fact that it will not have significant resource impacts. Lech asked if there are other approved docks designed for this purpose in the area that can serve as templates. Mr. Tennison stated there are no other docks like this in that vicinity. There are two other proposed docks for Siderius and Griffith, which both will use the piling method, but neither one is out yet. Pete stated that he thought it was less obtrusive than the piling docks.

Pete Woll motioned “to approve the application as submitted and per the Team Member Report. The reason for the deviation from the Adopted Rules is because of safety concerns for people and for the protection of the resource along the bank.” Ronald Buentemeier seconded. Pete asked if there was any further discussion.

Lech Naumovich asked if there was immediacy to the project and what the timeline was. He wondered if there would be a benefit to tabling the application and doing more research on the dock configuration. Mr. Tennison stated he had looked at other designs and they were even less conforming to the Adopted Rules. He said he wanted to install it as soon as possible, hopefully July 1st. Ronald stated it will take 2-3 weeks to get the permit processed, and Pete added that he probably should wait until the water goes down anyway. Lori asked if John Ellis had any thoughts. John stated my thoughts are the reasons advanced for the configuration of the dock are self-created. Verdell Jackson stated that he was ok with it.

Question called for. Motion carried with one no.

Kenny stated the Morscheck dock had a 32-foot wing length, which includes the width of the perpendicular dock and is 2 feet longer than our rules allow. Discussion ensued about the dock and wing dimensions and the depth of the water. Pete stated he would review it.

Voss, FL2019022C, Viking Creek tributary, complaint: Valerie Kurth stated a response was received just this evening from Roger Noble. Lori Curtis stated this is a complaint on Viking creek tributary and it involves the excavation of a large area. The landowners responded to the complaint letter and have hired Applied Water Consulting. Lori read the letter from Applied Water Consulting and the complaint. Roger stated Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) recently viewed the site and found that the work was minimal and that a retroactive permit could be approved even if a violation was found. Roger explained he was working on a water right there, and if he had also been involved in the other work, he would have submitted a 310 application to let the board determine jurisdiction. The stream was dry all last fall and winter, and it only flowed in response to snowmelt runoff. It is not flowing now and the USGS map shows it as ephemeral. John Ellis asked if the work was continuing and what they were doing. Roger explained they have excavated a large area to build a road, a 4-acre pond, a house, and a barn.

An onsite inspection was scheduled for Monday, June 17, 1:45 P.M. at the site.

Weber, FL2019013, Flathead River, bank stabilization: An onsite inspection was scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 11:00 A.M. at the site.



Note: The onsite inspection was re-scheduled for Tuesday, July 2, 11:00 A.M. at the site.

Westwood Park, FL2019033C, Bowser Spring Creek, complaint: Verdell Jackson stated that this is a complaint on a project that has a current permit (#FL2018054), but the complainant is concerned about the location of the trail.

Verdell Jackson motioned “to send the standard complaint letter to the landowner.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Purdy, FL2019037, Flathead River, road: An onsite inspection was scheduled for Monday, June 17, 3:00 P.M. at the site.

NEW BUSINESS

Cow Creek Grant #218013: Valerie Kurth explained that we have an interim report and billing statement ready to submit to DEQ. We have not spent any funds, but are reporting time as in-kind match. A motion is needed to approve submitting the billing statement to DEQ.

Lori Curtis motioned “to approve the DEQ grant #218013 billing statement for in-kind match in the amount of \$7179.98.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel: Pete Woll closed the meeting to discuss personnel issues. The meeting was then re-opened.

Lori Curtis motioned “to increase Hailey Graf’s salary to a Grade 6/Step 8 effective as of Pay Period #12.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF

Budget Meeting Date: The 2019/2020 Budget meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 15, 9:00 A.M.

Sheet Piling: John Ellis stated that he recently noticed steel sheet piling is being stock piled on two residential lots behind the movie theater near the Whitefish River.

Trails: Information regarding ADA requirements for trails was provided to board members.



The next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2019, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

Adjournment: Lori Curtis motioned "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:

Ginger Kauffman
Administrator

Hailey Graf
Assistant Conservationist

Valerie Kurth, Ph. D.
Resource Conservationist

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

<u>6/24/2019</u>	<u>Pete Woll</u>	<u>Chair</u>
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title - Chair etc.)

