



CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Chair Pete Woll, called the Flathead Conservation District Budget & Strategic Planning meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. in the conference room.

Board members present: Pete Woll, Chair; John Ellis; Vice Chair; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; Donna Pridmore, Supervisor; Scott Rumsey, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Board members absent: Lech Naumovich, Supervisor. Absence is excused.

Also, in attendance were Hailey Graf, Samantha Tappenbeck, Ginger Kauffman, Flathead Conservation District (FCD) Staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was present to comment on items not on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

FCD Office Lease Agreement

A draft Lease Agreement was provided, and Hailey Graf reviewed and explained the tracked changes with the Board. Mountain States Leasing is currently working with NRCS to adjust their lease as well, but that process is taking more time. The current lease expires June 13, 2021, so FCD will sign a temporary lease with Mountain States Leasing.

2020 Measures of Effectiveness Review

Hailey Graf reviewed the Measures of Effectiveness listed in the 2020 Work Plan with the Board.

Goal 1. Be an effective conservation district through strong organizational administration, management, and partnerships

Measures of Effectiveness:

- Staff and supervisors feel engaged and valued
- Workplan is implemented
- Budget is allocated and tracked
- Partnerships with other agencies are supported
- Processes are transparent to the public

The Board discussed challenges with transparency during the pandemic

Goal 2. Administer Montana Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act (310)

Measures of Effectiveness:

- Permit applications readily available from website or in person.
- Public is aware of 310 law
- Board and staff are educated on current 310 administration procedures and methods

The Board discussed the following issues:

- Outreach to developers and realtors
- Levying fees or fines for a violation
- Supervisors completing and submitting Team Member Reports when a permit is decided upon

Goal 3. Conduct public outreach and education

Measures of Effectiveness:

- Website successfully maintained and updated
- FCD programs and events are successfully implemented and strategic
- Public is educated about natural resource conservation

The Board had no issues and felt that education programs went well despite the pandemic

Goal 4. Implement on-the-ground projects and programs to enhance and maintain natural resources

Measures of Effectiveness:

- Utilization of FCD programs: Conservation Grant Program, Seedling Program, Pollinator Initiative, Rain Garden Initiative
- Implement on-the-ground restoration projects on priority water bodies
- Relationships with partners are maintained and effectively leveraged

Hailey Graf suggested reviewing the TMDL Report and Watershed Restoration Plan to see what we are doing or not doing to implement those.

Annual Work Plan Updates

Hailey Graf reviewed the 2021 Work Plan updates with the Board, and asked for any additional thoughts or suggested changes

Goal 1: No additional changes

Goal 2: Guidebook to new landowners in Flathead County

Table at Home & Garden Show

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Goal 3: No additional changes

Goal 4: No additional changes

The 2021 Work Plan will be finalized and presented at the June Business meeting.

Office & Resource Planning

- The board determined to wait until September to see if vehicle prices improve
- The board agreed to host a Big Sky Watershed Corps Member in 2022

MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF

Date selection/calendar updates:

- Ronald Buentemeier’s Retirement – July 19, Monday, Noon
- Pollinators in the Park – July 30, Woodland Park
- 310-Law Training Day – September 1-2
- 75th Birthday/Anniversary Celebration & Open House – September 8, 9, 10
- 2021 NWMT Fair – August 18 – 22
- Service Appreciation gift for Dean Sirucek

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2021,7:00 P.M. via ZOOM.

Adjournment: Donna Pridmore “to adjourn.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Submitted By:

Ginger Kauffman
Administrator

Hailey Graf
Resource Conservationist

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

<u>6/28/2021</u>	<u>John Ellis</u>	<u>Vice-Chair</u>
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title – Chair etc.)