



FLATHEAD

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Chair Pete Woll called the September 28, 2020, Business meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in the conference room.

Board members present: Pete Woll, Chair; Lori Curtis, Vice Chair; Donna Pridmore, Secretary/Treasurer; John Ellis, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; Ronald Buentemeier, Supervisor; Lech Naumovich, Supervisor, being a quorum of the Board.

Board members present: None.

Also, in attendance were Hailey Graf, Samantha Tappenbeck and Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Mikaela Richardson, Big Sky Watershed Corps Member; Kenny Breidinger and Leo Rosenthal, FWP; Erin Qunitia; Jessie Rusche; Kelly McHenry; Kaylynn Bertline; Bill and Dana Brunskill; Bill Whitsitt; Shawn McDonough; Doug and Sandy Heil; Mitch King, MT Outdoor Legacy Foundation; Josh Sonju; Brian Hogue; Randy Hohf.

Board members absent: None.

MINUTES: Verdell Jackson motioned “to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2020, business meeting as presented.” Lech Naumovich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

FINANCIAL

The following bills were paid on 9/2/2020:

1. Byte Savvy \$200.00
2. MontanaSky Networks \$10.00
3. Mountain States Leasing – Kalispell \$3,199.46

Lech Naumovich motioned “to approve the bills as presented.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The following bills were paid on 9/16/2020

1. BCBS \$1970.30
2. Byte Savvy \$55.00
3. CenturyLink \$314.98

4. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
5. MT State Treasurer \$186.00
6. VISA \$2720.62

Lech Naumovich motioned “to approve the bills as presented.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The following bills were reviewed:

1. Montana Sky Networks \$10.00

Lech Naumovich motioned “to approve the bill as presented.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

SIGNING AUTHORITY: Lori Curtis motioned “to have Hailey Graf sign for board members, Lech Naumovich and Lori Curtis, attending virtually for this meeting.” Lech Naumovich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

310's

Bradley, FL-2019-066C, Unnamed, complaint: Ronald Buentemeier and Kenny Breidinger agreed that the district does not have jurisdiction as the instream work was done on Forest Service property.

Ronald Buentemeier motioned “this is not a violation.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bradley, FL-2019-067C, Unnamed, complaint: Ronald Buentemeier and Kenny Breidinger agreed that the district does not have jurisdiction as the instream work was done on Forest Service property.

Ronald Buentemeier motioned “this is not a violation.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Brosten, FL-2020-025, Flathead River, bank stabilization/flood protect/fill/improve existing structure: Donna Pridmore stated that the Flexamat was installed improperly according to the manufactures recommendations, product information and based on items listed in the application. Heavy cloth was used underneath the Flexamat. She also expressed concern that it has a very smooth surface that will create erosion problems downstream. Kenny Breidinger added that the Flexamat does not appear to be keyed into the toe of the bank, and the landscaping fabric underneath will prevent planting. Supervisors agreed that a study should be done that includes photo points taken over a span of time.

Donna Pridmore motioned “to deny the application and request the landowner submit an application that includes the remediation that the installation requires; and this will include a study.” John Ellis seconded.

Donna stated during follow-up inspections, downstream landowners questioned her about the project and 310 approval process. She informed them that if anyone works in/along a stream it must

be done through the 310 process and that the district applies the rules consistently to all. Kenny Breidinger stated there was a spot 50-80 feet long where something had to be done, and that the notice of emergency was only approved to address the eroding bank. Pete Woll noted that this is not just a riverbank, this is a dike originally built by the Army Corps Of Engineers in 1938. Lori stated that that the district needs to make it clear that no one is to use this material next to a stream, it is not an approved material per the Adopted Rules, and permits will not be approved. Ronald Buentemeier suggested that an appointment be set up with the attorney to go over how to proceed.

Donna Pridmore withdrew the motion and John Ellis withdrew the second.

Donna Pridmore motioned “to table the application until a consultation is made with the attorney.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Brunskill, FL-2020-028, Flathead River, dock: Hailey Graf explained that 38 people attended a stakeholders meeting held last month at Eagle Bend where permitting and management practices were discussed.

Pete Woll explained the application is for a dock (16-foot platform) which was built and placed partially on the MT Outdoor Legacy Foundation (MOLF) property. Kenny Breidinger stated that the platform extended beyond the property line but has been moved back on to the Brunskill property. Trails have been cut through the cattails on MOLF property to get to open water. This is a protected wetland area between homeowner lots and Flathead River. Pete stated that rip rap was approved in 2017. Smaller rock and AstroTurf material have been added next to the dock, which were not approved and do not fit within the Adopted Rules.

Mitch King, MOLF, stated that he talked to the Brunskill’s and asked them to move the dock out of the wetlands on MOLF property to their own property. The wetlands are to be kept in their original state along the entire Eagle Bend development; this is a concern from MOLF.

Pete Woll motioned “to deny the application and require the landowner to remove the AstroTurf, dock and kayak rack from the site.” Lech Naumovich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Butts, FL-2019-056C, Unnamed, complaint: Lech Naumovich motioned “to table until the Work Completion form for permit FL-2020-002 is submitted.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bynum, FL-2020-051E, Walker Creek, notice of emergency: An onsite inspection was scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 1:00 P.M. at the site.

Duffey, FL-2020-046, Cow Creek, debris removal: John Ellis motioned “to approve the application as submitted. The 15-day waiting period is waived.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Duffey, FL-2020-049, Cow Creek, utilities: John Ellis motioned “this is not a project.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FNF/Big Mtn Winter Sports, FL-2020-009, Haskill Creek tributary, culvert: Lori Curtis explained that the project is for a culvert to provide a crossing near a chair lift that is being

moved. The site was not viewable until recently due to snow. Lori reviewed the considerations in the Team Member Report.

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

Foley, FL-2020-048, Swift Creek, tree removal: Lori Curtis explained that the managers for the Foley and Toth properties will be working together to remove a giant tree that fell across both properties during a windstorm. The tree will be removed using a large Trackhoe and will be cut above the rootball. The rootball will be moved to the Foley property to improve the condition of the bank. Lori reviewed the considerations in the Team Member Report and noted that modifications include leaving smaller branches and tops near the bank and removing large logs away from the stream and property. Kenny Breidinger stated that the house is close to the stream and the tree will cause channel changing effects. Work will be done when the ground is frozen to lessen impacts and minimize contact with the water.

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

Hawker, FL-2020-050, Stoner Creek, bridge maintenance, repair/replace decking: Donna Pridmore explained the bridge has steel spanners. Wood decking on top of the bridge will be replaced, and a tarp will be placed over the stream when removing old timbers. Donna reviewed the considerations in the Team Member Report and stated that modifications include trimming trees and brush overhanging the bridge. A roof will not be added over the bridge.

Donna Pridmore motioned “to approve the application with modifications per the team member report.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Heckerman, FL-2020-053, Mount Creek, culvert/bank stabilization: An onsite inspection was scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 9:00 A.M. at the site.

Heil, FL-2020-042C, Blaine Creek, complaint: Pete Woll stated that three culverts/pipes were installed above the water line. Fill over the pipes is minimal; the pipes were beveled which reduces the ability to cover the pipes if the road needs to be graded, and emergency vehicles may not be able to navigate over it safely. Lori Curtis noted that the culverts are too high and pouring a hard surface over it will raise it higher. There is no structural capacity to hold it up, and this is not a proper design. Donna Pridmore stated that the downstream level of the culverts is higher than the upstream level, and the culverts are not at the same slope of the streambed. Pete noted that the district has taken jurisdiction on Blaine Creek in the past, and that the creek goes up and down. Pete requested the district contact a consultant for a technical review of the project.

Lori Curtis motioned “to request a technical review from DNRC to hire a professional consultant to review the project and give a recommendation to the Board.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried.

The complainant, Brian Hogue, noted that water going to the properties downstream was prevented from running due to the way the outflow was raised, and that this will also raise

the level of the lake. Kenny Breidinger stated that the culverts are very short and raised on one end. We do not want shotgun culverts, and the fill is an issue as well.

Lori Curtis motioned “to table FL-2020-042C and FL2020044E until results of the technical review from the professional consultant are received.” Lech Naumovich seconded. Motion carried.

Heil, FL-2020-044E, Blaine Creek, notice of emergency: Lori Curtis motioned “to request a technical review to hire a professional consultant to review the project and give a recommendation to the Board.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried.

Lori Curtis motioned “to table FL-2020-042C and FL2020044E until results of the technical review, from the professional consultant, are received.” Lech Naumovich seconded. Motion carried.

Hodge Creek Reserve HOA, FL-2020-052E, Hodge Creek, notice of emergency: An onsite inspection was scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 9:30 A.M. at the site.

Kusler, FL-2020-047, Flathead River, bank stabilization: Pete Woll explained that the project is to place rock to break wave action. Vegetation will be left in place, and steps will be constructed through the riprap. Work will be done when the ground is frozen. Kenny Breidinger noted that there is an erosion problem. Pete reviewed the considerations in the Team Member Report and noted that modifications are adding steps to the north end through the riprap.

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

MacDonald, FL-2020-054, Flathead River, docks/remove sod/fill/weed barrier/pavers: An onsite inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 10:30 A.M. at the site.

McDonough, FL-2020-056, Unnamed, install head gate/debris removal: An onsite inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 9:30 A.M. at the site. Mr. McDonough on ZOOM mtg.

Montana’s Outdoor Legacy Foundation, FL-2020-055, Flathead River, veg mgmt.: An onsite inspection was scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 1:00 P.M. at the site.

Osborne, FL-2020-041C, Blaine Creek, complaint: Lori Curtis noted that the landowner submitted a response 8/27. The project site belongs to Heil not Osborne.

Lori Curtis motioned “this is not a violation as Osborne is not the landowner.” Lech Naumovich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Toth, FL-2020-043, Swift Creek, debris removal: Lori Curtis explained that the managers for the Foley and Toth properties will be working together to remove a giant tree that fell across both properties during a windstorm. The tree will be removed using a large Trackhoe and will be cut above the rootball. The rootball will be moved to the Foley property to improve the condition of the bank. Lori reviewed the considerations in the Team Member Report and noted that modifications include leaving smaller branches and tops

near the bank and removing large logs from the stream and property. Kenny Breidinger stated that the house is close to the stream and the tree will cause channel changing effects. Work will be done when the ground is frozen to lessen impacts and minimize contact with the water.

Lori Curtis motioned “to approve the application with modifications per the team member report.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Povich, FL-2020-057, Wolf Creek, bridge/debris removal: An onsite inspection was scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 9:45 A.M. at the site.

NEW BUSINESS

MACD Resolutions: Copies of the MACD Resolutions were provided to the Board in the meeting packet. Hailey Graf stated that the Area V meeting will be held via ZOOM on October 8th. There will be one vote per district. The following resolutions will be voted on at that meeting:

- Study of Erosion on Flathead River – Flathead CD
- MACD & SWCDM Merger – Lake CD
- New MACD Bylaws – Lake CD

John Ellis motioned “that Flathead CD support the proposed resolutions from Lake and Flathead Conservation Districts.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

223 Grant #23G-19-3639 Vendor Invoice: Hailey Graf explained that a phone poll was done 8/28/2020 to approve the HB 223-grant Vendor Invoice in the amount of \$941.42 and submit to DNRC for reimbursement.

Lech Naumovich motioned “to approve the 223-grant 8/28/2020 phone poll.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Big Sky Watershed Corps Program: Hailey Graf explained that a phone poll was done on 8/28/2020 to apply as Host Site for the Big Sky Watershed Corps program (BSWCP).

Lori Curtis motioned “to approve the BSWCP 8/28/2020 phone poll and sign the Memorandum of Understanding.” Lech Naumovich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Education Grant Program Applications:

Columbia Falls High School, \$3,118.00, tower garden: Erin Quintia explained that the tower gardens are hydroponic and are placed in the lunchroom. The students plant and harvest the entire school year. Some products were provided for certain events, and now they want to begin providing food for the lunchroom. Student Jessie Rusche explained that the plan is to meet with kitchen staff and work to bridge the gap between what students see and what they are eating. Information would be displayed about local and sustainable agriculture and how hydroponic gardens work. Lori Curtis asked if there are any regulations about food grown going to the cafeteria. Erin replied because produce is fresh, such as lettuce, it is fine, but that they may have to deal with some issues due to COVID-19.

Samantha Tappenbeck noted that the district has funded several tower gardens in several schools and feedback has been positive. Lech Naumovich stated that it is a good project to support, and getting kids involved with agriculture and growing plants is not only a good idea it is a fantastic resource.

Lori Curtis motioned “to approve the Columbia Falls High School education grant in the amount \$3118.00 for 3 tower gardens.” Lech Naumovich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Center for Sustainability & Entrepreneurship (CSE), \$1,000.00, native plants: Teacher, Randy Hohf, explained that they are focusing on two areas, which will become a native wetlands area and a forest area. Requested plants will fill out those two areas and students will be doing the planting. Samantha Tappenbeck noted that the district has provided funding for the same project in the past.

Ronald Buentemeier motioned “to approve the education grant request from CSE in the amount for \$994.50 for native plants.” Donna Pridmore seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Conservation Grant Program (CGP) Funding: Samantha Tappenbeck explained that the timeline for the CGP was recently adjusted to align with the fiscal year. In the past, these grants began one fiscal year and ended the following fiscal year, which was confusing for bookkeeping and management. When setting up the 2020/2021 program, funds were budgeted for 2020/2021 grants. Funding needs to be adjusted to account for 2019-2020 grants that carried over into this fiscal year and could come from the Conservation Practices Other account.

Lech Naumovich motioned “to use \$13,227.50 from Conservation Practices Other to cover funding for fiscal year 2019/2020 grants.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

End of Month Budget Report: Supervisors were provided copies of the July and August End of Month Budget Reports in their meeting packets.

Verdell Jackson motioned “to approve the July and August End of Month Budget Reports as submitted.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Flathead CD Staff: Hailey Graf, Samantha Tappenbeck, Ginger Kauffman, and Mikaela Richardson submitted the following report:

Office and Administration

310 – Ginger processed eleven 310-Permit Applications, three Notices of Emergency, one Complaint, and sent 310-Follow-up Inspection forms to Supervisors. Ginger and Hailey coordinated with landowners to cover essential work during the COVID-19 pandemic and to safely arrange for onsite inspections. Hailey attended onsite inspections and coordinated with landowners to provide the virtual meeting attendance information.

Hailey organized and hosted a stakeholder's meeting for the Eagle Bend subdivision residents on August 26. The meeting was attended by representatives from MT Fish Wildlife and Parks, Flathead County Planning and Zoning, Flathead Lakers, Montana Outdoor Legacy Foundation, and 38 community residents. Information on riparian and wetland management and permitting was presented to the landowners and a very productive discussion was held following the presentations.

Bookkeeping – Ginger processed payroll on September 2 and September 16. The next payroll will be done on September 30th along with federal and state taxes for September, and 3rd Quarter Reports. Ginger worked with Donna Pridmore to reconcile bank statements for August, completed the July End of Month Budget Report and is working on the August End of Month Budget Report. Ginger continues to compile documents and information for the Annual Financial Report.

District Office – Hailey submitted a funding request through the Business Adaptability Grant program support staff and supervisors with the purchase of equipment needed due to COVID-19.

Trainings – Samantha attended a webinar training presented by the National Association of State Conservation Agencies on “Tuning Up Your Public Speaking for Conservation” on September 15th. Hailey and Ginger attended the Conservation District Employee training hosted by the DRNC on September 23.

On-the-Ground Projects

Cow Creek Restoration Project – FCD staff completed the annual vegetation monitoring and seasonal photo monitoring of the project. Planting success was higher than anticipated. Project partners decided not to do any additional planting this fall, but to wait one more growing season for a better assessment of long-term survival. A fall maintenance day is scheduled for October 1st and will include replacing weed matting and tree protector tubes, basic fencing repair, and weeding. Project partners also met with another downstream landowner who is interested in expanding the restoration efforts to his property.

Trumbull Creek Restoration and Aquifer Protection Project – Contracting for engineering services, including groundwater monitoring, final design, and permitting, is complete. Monitoring will begin this fall and a stakeholders meeting will be scheduled for early winter.

Krause Creek – Hailey is working with DRNC on contracting for the project and release of funding from the state which was delayed due to COVID-19. Project implementation, timelines, and budget may need to be adjusted due to the delays.

Demonstration Garden – Hailey consulted with CHS Agronomy on the timing and application of cover crop varieties in the Demonstration Garden; Hailey and Samantha removed the solarization tarps and seeded a brassica cover crop on all exterior sections. Depending on the success of the cover crop seeding, the area treated with solarization will become a lawn alternatives demonstration area next spring. The pollinator plot that was seeded in spring is full of blooms and beneficial insects. FCD staff compiled and collaborated on the Demonstration Garden 2020 Report.

Programs

Conservation Grant Program – There are currently 13 open contracts, seven in FY19/20 and six in FY20/21. These contract periods overlap because of recent adjustments to the program timeline. FY19/20 contracts began Jan 1, and FY20/21 contracts began Jul 1. Funded practices include weed control, a rain garden, reforestation, native seeding, wildlife habitat improvement, riparian buffer improvement, bank stabilization, and windbreaks. Samantha contacted all FY19/20 contracts to check-in on project progress/status/needs.

Seedling Program – FCD began accepting orders on September 14. We have received two orders to date.

Education Grant Program – FCD has funded one contract in FY20/21. Two applications were received in September and will be considered at the September FCD business meeting.

College Scholarship Program – Nine applications were awarded to Flathead County high school seniors in 2020. Several students submitted thank-you notes and indicated their interest in attending a future meeting. The thank-you notes are on display in Samantha's office.

Watershed Support Program – Mikaela and Samantha continue outreach to priority landowners. A post-card with program information was designed, printed, and distributed to priority 1 and 2 landowners (per ranking in the Phase I assessment) in the upper and middle reaches of Ashley Creek. Mikaela and Samantha met with a Middle-Ashley Creek landowner on site to discuss the program and potential restoration work.

Pollinator Initiative – 25 landowners are participating in this program. 11 pollinator plots (0.5 acres) were seeded in spring 2020, and an additional 0.5 acres-worth of seed has been allocated for seeding in fall 2020 or spring 2021. Mikaela and Samantha conducted site visits and provided technical assistance to landowners on site preparation for fall seeding. Mikaela prepared seed packets for distribution to participants that have prepared their sites. Mikaela conducted monitoring on all plots that were seeded in spring 2020 and worked with Samantha to compile the monitoring data into a database.

Rain Garden Initiative – Mikaela conducted site visits, provided technical guidance to landowners, taught two education webinars on rain gardens, and assisted with building the gardens. Six rain gardens have been designed and built this season and 10 additional landowners are interested in the program.

Education and Outreach

Workshops and Events – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most events, including Family Forestry Expo, Earth Day, Arbor Day, and Rolling Rivers Trailer presentations, were canceled, or postponed. The FCD schedule of educational workshops was converted to a series of live webinars. Webinars were recorded and have been posted with accompanying resources on the [Recordings & Resources page on the FCD website](#).

Date	Webinar Topic	# of Participants
7/1/2020	DIY Pollinator Habitat	38

7/15/2020	Rain Gardens	29
7/29/2020	Wildfire Ready! Preparing for Fire Season in the Flathead	26
8/12/2020	Soil Health	23
8/19/2020	Lawn Alternatives	21
8/26/2020	Rain Gardens	13
9/2/2020	Gardening for Water Conservation	24
9/9/2020	Fall Planting and Seeding for Pollinators	62
9/16/2020	Noxious Weeds	67
	TOTAL	303

Advertisements – FCD ran advertisements in the Flathead Beacon on September 9 for the Noxious Weeds Webinar, and on September 23 for 310 permit information. FCD also advertised about 310 Permits in the fall issue of the Mountain Trader. We used Facebook to advertise webinar events and “boosted” the events to reach more people. Over the last 30 days, Facebook advertisements for the webinar series reached 5,000+ people.

Website and Social Media – Over the past 30 days, the website was viewed 2,443 times, with 72% new (vs. returning) visitors. The most viewed pages and posts were the homepage, a blog post about the life history of larch trees, and the Workshops and Classes webpage. Over the same period, posts on the Facebook page reached 11,623 people, had 865 post engagements, and 38 new followers. The most engaging posts were an article in the Flathead Beacon about the Rain Garden Initiative, a post about securing bear attractants in the fall, and a post about the Noxious Weeds live webinar.

eNewsletter – The Local Dirt was distributed on 9/8/2020 and included upcoming events, available programs, a partner profile, blog post, and 310 permitting information. The current mailing list includes 254 people. As of September 22nd, the September issue was opened by 103 people (260 times) and had 13 total clicks.

Partnerships

- Samantha and Mikaela met with River 2 Lake Initiative partners and toured the Foy's Bend experimental area with FWP Restoration Ecologist, Franz Ingelfinger
- Hailey worked with MACD to request reimbursement from the Local Government Reimbursement Fund for the purchase of webcams for state-wide CDs
- Hailey and Karli Becher, NRCS, assisted the Browns Meadow Ranch on Mount Creek to apply to the Ranching for Rivers program through SWCDM

Natural Resources & Conservation Service (NRCS): Sean Johnson submitted the following report:

➤ **Programs**

- Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)
 - Flathead Valley Irrigation TIP that was submitted not approved for 2021 funding
 - We will be reworking the TIP to resubmitted by February for 2022 consideration
 - Joint Chief's Proposal with FS through first review process

- Edits currently being made and re-submitted for final review by October 9th
 - Funding approval notification by early December
 - Project would include the west side of the county essentially from Olney area to Lakeside
 - Potentially looking to draft a forestry TIP for the North Fork for 2022 consideration
 - Trail Creek and Red Meadows/Moose Creek prioritized as the top two areas to work in due to those being the secondary egress in case of a large fire
 - Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
 - CSP interest was strong this year but funding levels for the state were lower than anticipated so only a small number of applications received funding
- **Review Items**
 - NRCS offices at a stand-still for re-opening due to second wave of COVID-19. Nothing major on the horizon for changes and we will probably continue to stay in our Phase III office status (doors remaining locked at all times, but producers are allowed to enter via appointment only and with a mask) for the foreseeable future.
- **Upcoming Items**
 - FY20 ends Wednesday September 30th
 - Planning on attending MACD Area Meeting on October 8th

Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD): No report.

Flathead County Planning Board (FCPB): Dean Sirucek submitted the following report: 1) Flathead County Planning Board agreed to a planning amendment to set up fire-rated drywall requirements for storage units that store vehicles, boats or propane units; 2) An 84-acre subdivision on Lower Valley Road was recommended for approval to the Commissioners; 3) The Baker 80 subdivision on Prairie Road was recommended for approval to the Commissioners; 4) Testimony on the Rolling Acres subdivision on Columbia Fall Stage was heard. The decision was postponed until the October meeting.

Whitefish City Planning Board (WCPB): John Ellis reported the meeting included one accessory apartment, and a parking lot on Kalispell Avenue was denied. No meeting will be held in October.

Upper Columbia Conservation Commission (UC3): Lori Curtis reported that the executive committee has been continuously meeting bi-weekly. The Legislative Committee has been very active and made recommendations to the directors of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation regarding raising the minimum penalty from \$150 to \$500, and adding aquatic plants to FWP's rulemaking authority. The education programs conducted with FWP have been very successful including COVID-appropriate visits to engage marinas and boat shops in protecting Montana waters from AIS. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 4, 2020, 1:30 - 3:30 P.M. via ZOOM.

Haskill Basin Watershed Council (HBWC): The next meeting is October 14, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

Flathead Basin Commission (FBC): Lech Naumovich reported that Rich Janssen and Ed Lieser will continue for another 2 years, presentations were made regarding stormwater and septic leachate, and the Education & Outreach Committee is working on website updates.

Clark Fork & Kootenai River Basins Council (CFKRBC): No report.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF

Area V Meeting: Hailey Graf explained that the Area V Meeting will be held virtually on October 8th, 8:30 A.M. Convention will also be held virtually November 18th and 19th.

Legislative Breakfast: Hailey Graf explained that rather than hosting a group legislative breakfast, staff would like to put together a published booklet about our district for the legislators and invite them to one-on-one meetings to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. Verdell Jackson will contact several legislators and ask how they would like information submitted to them.

Staff: Pete Woll stated that Hailey Graf is due for a review.

Team Member Reports: Hailey Graf reminded Supervisors to include full information on the Team Member Reports along with photos. Hailey offered Supervisors help if needed.

Board Member Packets: Hailey Graf asked the Board if the Board Member Packets are working and encouraged suggestions for changes and improvements. Supervisors agreed that the system is working well, and John Ellis asked that the agenda be placed on a separate page.

The next 310-Stream Permit meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2020, 6:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell, MT.

Adjournment: John Ellis motioned “to adjourn.” Donna Pridmore 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, Resource Conservationist

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

<u>10/26/2020</u>	<u>Pete Woll</u>	<u>Chair</u>
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title – Chair etc.)