



Flathead Conservation District
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CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

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

Board members present:

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

Board members absent: Pete Woll, Vice Chairman. Absence is excused.

Also in attendance were: Valerie Kurth, Cynthia Ingelfinger and Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Leo Rosenthal and Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Tiffany Martin, River Steward/Big Sky Watershed Corps; Greg Davis, Mike Ritorto, Laura Jemen; Steve Wright, Christine Percy, Luke Carlson, Columbia Falls Aluminum Co.; Cameron Wohlschlegel, FH Stoltze; Lauren Pipkorn; Don Murray.

MINUTES

Dean Sirucek made a motion "to approve the minutes of the 9/25/2017 business meeting as presented." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email: Flathead Audubon Society newsletter *The Pileated Post*
www.FlatheadAudubon.org
2. Email: Prairie County Range Tour: Exploring Fort Keogh, Tuesday, October 10, 2017, Fort Keogh Livestock & Range Research Laboratory in Miles City, Montana. Contact: Sharla Sackman at 635-2121 or Sandra Brown at 635-5381
3. Email: 9/28/2017 issue of Montana Watershed Coordination Council newsletter *Watershed News* <http://mtwatersheds.org>
4. Email: 9/28/2017 issue of Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Montana (SWCDM) newsletter *The Montana Conservationist* <http://swcdm.org>
5. Email: The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) Reclamation and Development Grants Program (RDGP) grant applications to fund planning and assessment for natural resource projects are due December 15, 2017. Contact Heidi Anderson Folsnag: 406.444.6691, hfolnag@mt.gov
6. Email: Autumn 2017 issue of Lewis & Clark CD newsletter *The Explorer*
<http://lccd.mt.nacdnet.org>



7. Email: Whitefish Planning Board meeting, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 6:00 P.M.
<http://www.cityofwhitefish.org>
8. Email: Autumn 2017 issue of Lewis & Clark newsletter *The Explorer*
<http://lccd.mt.nacdnet.org>
9. Email: October 2017 issue of Gallatin CD newsletter *Conservation Journal*
<http://www.gallatincd.org>
10. Email: MT Dept. of Agriculture is hosting Noxious Weed Trust Fund Grant Writing Workshops. October 8th in Helena, October 23rd in Miles City, October 24th in Lewistown. Contact Jasmine Reimer 406-444-7882 jreimer@mt.gov or Carol Bearden 406-444-7880 cbearden@mt.gov,
11. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) annual meeting, January 27-31, Nashville, Tennessee. For further information, go to www.nacdnet.org
12. Email: Daily Interlake news article on the February 7-March 14, 2018 *Small-Acreage Management Seminar series*
<http://www.dailyinterlake.com/article/20171001/ARTICLE/171009985>
13. Email: Carbon CD is hosting a meeting with State Flood Plain Directors, Carbon County Commissioners and the County Flood Plain Director, on October 26, 2017, 1:00 P.M. at the Personal Services Building in Red Lodge, MT. The meeting is due to concern that “producers in Carbon County are being asked to spend more money than is necessary on 310 projects that are not covered by Flood Insurance.”
14. Email: Invitation to join Flathead River to Lake Initiative partners to plant native trees along Ashley, Saturday, October 7, 9:00 A.M. – Noon. Contact Tiffany Martin, Big Sky Watershed Corps member, 906-235-6594 or 406-1341,
FlatheadRiverSteward@gmail.com
15. Email: Cascade CD is sponsoring the *Supervisor Summit*, October 31- November 1, Heritage Inn, 1700 Fox Farm Road, Great Falls, MT. Registration is due October 20. To reserve rooms, contact Heritage Inn 406-761-1900. For further information contact Laura Crawford 406-727-3601, Ext. 111, districtsecretary@cascadecd.com
16. Email: Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Montana (SWCD) is hiring for a range technician position for the Montana Rangelands Partnership program. This position will be based out of Lewistown, MT. Full job announcement available at <http://swcdm.org/hiring>. Applications due Friday, October 27th by 5 pm MDT. Contact Ann McCauley at ann@macdnet.org, 406-443-5711, www.swcdm.org
17. Email: The Kootenai River Network (KRN) is hosting two public meetings to discuss proposed and ongoing coal mining operations in the Elk River Valley, British Columbia and the associated impacts on water quality in Montana. The first meeting will be held in Eureka at the Eureka High School auditorium located at 340 9th Street on October 16th from 7-9 p.m. The second meeting will be held on October 17th in Kalispell at the Hilton Garden Inn in the Glacier Room II from 7-9 p.m. Contact: Brian Sugden, kootenairivernetwork@gmail.com
www.kootenairivernetwork.com
18. Email: DNRC 223, District Development, and Mini-Education grant application deadline extended to October 25, 2017. Contact Linda Brander, DNRC 406-444-0520, lbrander@mt.gov



FINANCIAL

The following bills were reviewed:

1. Byte Savvy \$45.00
2. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
3. NACD \$750.00
4. Mountain Trader \$80.00

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

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Bean, FL2017050, Flathead River, dock: An on-site inspection was set for Wednesday, October 18, noon at the site.

Beatty, FL2017035, Flathead River, bank stabil/irrigation structure/dock: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to table as requested by the applicant.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Brummel, FL2017040C, Whitefish River, complaint: Verdell Jackson made a motion “to table pending a response.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Columbia Falls Alum Co., FL2017042, Flathead River, remove panels: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application as submitted per Ronald Buentemeier’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Columbia Falls Alum Co., FL2017052, Flathead River, bank stabilization: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application with modifications submitted 10/10/2017 per Ronald Buentemeier’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Foster, FL2017043, Unnamed, culvert: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Verdell Jackson’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Gardner Investments, FL2017049, Ashley Creek, fill/pond/wetland alt: An on-site inspection was set for Wednesday, October 18, 1:45 P.M. at the site.

Knudsen, FL2017047C, O’Neil Creek, complaint: An on-site inspection was set for Wednesday, October 18, 4:00 P.M. at the site.



Pipkorn, FL2017048, Trumbull Creek, watering gap: An on-site inspection was set for Wednesday, October 18, 9:00 A.M. at the site.

Stalow, FL2016050, Bear Creek, permit modification request: Discussion held. Mark Sideirus made a motion “to table awaiting a response from Mr. Stalow.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ronald Buentemeier informed the board that last Thursday he was served with a Summons regarding the Stalow project. Don Murray emailed a photo of a load of building material going into the Stalow property. No action taken.

Swietek, FL2017045, Logan Creek, temporary ford: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to approve the application as submitted.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Therkelsen, FL2017046, Bales Creek, utilities: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Dean Sirucek’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Walters, FL2017025, Flathead River, arbitration: Valerie Kurth reported that arbitration panel member names have been submitted to the county attorney’s office.

Winter Sports Inc., FL2017051E, Haskill Creek, Notice of Emergency: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, October 24, 9:30 A.M. at Base Lodge on the Mountain.

NEW BUSINESS

Team Member Reports: Discussion held regarding applicants participation in team member reports. Options included (1) having all 3 team members sign the same report, or (2) including an optional team member report with all 310 application forms.

Natural Resources Youth Camp Grant #223-17-3543: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve and sign the Natural Resources Youth Camp Grant #223-17-3543 extension.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF

- MACD Convention registration forms due to the FCD office October 16th.

The next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2017, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

Adjournment: Lori Curtis made a motion “to adjourn.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

<u>10/23/2017</u>	<u>Ronald Buentemeier</u>	<u>Chair</u>
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title - Chair etc.)

