



CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Chair Pete Woll called the October 24, 2022, Business meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

Board members present: Pete Woll, Chair; John Ellis; Vice Chair; Donna Pridmore, Secretary/Treasurer; Scott Rumsey, Supervisor; Roger Marsonette, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson; Angela Jacobs; being a quorum of the Board.

Board members absent: None.

Also, in attendance were Samantha Tappenbeck, Jessie Walthers, Ginger Kauffman, Flathead CD staff; Bill Yankee; Bruce Boody; Brad Bennett, Water & Environmental Technologies; Sean Johnson, NRCS; Casey Malmquist.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Item 1: Signature Authority

- Authorization for Samantha Tappenbeck to sign on behalf of Supervisors attending the meeting virtually.

Consent Agenda Item 2: Meeting Minutes

- FCD 9/12/2022 310-Stream Permit Meeting Minutes

Consent Agenda Item 3: Financial

Check Detail 10/12/2022

1. CHS \$50.00
2. Fisher's Technology \$913.60
3. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
4. Flathead Rivers Alliance \$880.00
5. Mountain Trader \$74.40
6. NACD \$775.00
7. Vista Linda Catering \$1,101.00

Consent Agenda Item 4: Correspondence

- None

Donna Pridmore motioned "to approve the consent agenda as presented." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

310's

Karrow Whitefish Investments, FL-2021-027, Whitefish River, permit modification request: John Ellis stated the owners requested a permit modification per email dated 10/21/2022. John, Kenny Breidinger, Brad Bennett, and Bruce Boody met to review the proposed changes on 10/13/2022. John explained there was going to be a boardwalk, an F-shaped dock and bridge at the eastern edge of the property. The applicant is proposing to keep the asphalt bike trail out of the floodplain by moving it up the hill, connect the dock to the bike trail with a gravel pathway, and create a boardwalk sitting area outside the floodplain further up the trail between the bridge and dock. John reviewed the blueprints noting the dock has been moved to the north a bit, the boardwalk has been eliminated, the trail is moved up, a gravel pathway/trail will access the dock, and a sitting area has been added. John added that the dock, however, exceeds the Adopted Rules by approximately 4-feet.

Casey Malmquist stated that the number of helical spheres for the boardwalk were too much from an engineering standpoint, and this modified design achieves the majority of what they wanted with much less impact to the river and riparian area. Bruce Boody concurred with Casey. John noted that the configuration of the dock changed from an F-dock to a T-dock.

John Ellis motioned "to approve the modifications for permit FL-2021-027 per the email dated October 6, 2022, and as shown on plans dated 9/8/2022, project number 21-59 (provided by Bruce Boody), with the exception that the T of the dock is not to exceed 30-feet per the Adopted Rules." Roger Marsonette seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Associate Supervisor: Samantha Tappenbeck explained that Bill Yankee is interested in an Associate Supervisor position with the district and has submitted a letter of interest with relative experience. Donna Pridmore motioned "to accept Mr. Yankee as an Associate Supervisor." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

August 2022 End of Month Report: Donna Pridmore explained when September revenue sheets were received, the beginning balance for September was lower than the ending balance for August. The Flathead County Finance (FCF) office was contacted about the discrepancy. FCF found that in June, revenue was recorded to the Flathead CD account when it should have been recorded to another district's account.

John Ellis motioned "to approve the August 2022 End of Month report." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Flathead County Planning Board (FCPB) Representative: Samantha Tappenbeck stated the District received a letter from Flathead County Planning Department requesting Flathead CD appoint someone to serve on the FCPB by November 18th. Verdell Jackson is the current FCD representative to the Planning Board and his term ends 12/31/2022. The next term begins 1/1/2023. The Board discussed meeting schedule, process, and time commitment. Samantha Tappenbeck will contact Gordon Ash to see if he may be interested.

Donna Pridmore motioned “to table the planning board representative appointment until the November 14th 310-meeting.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Flathead CD Staff: Attached.

Natural Resources & Conservation Service (NRCS): Attached

DNRC Conservation Districts Bureau: Attached

Flathead County Planning Board (FCPB): Verdell Jackson, being the district representative on the Planning Board, voiced the importance of reviewing material that is provided to planning board members, prior to meetings.

Whitefish City Planning Board (WCPB): John Ellis reported the WCPB reviewed a project to replace a current tattoo parlor on Second Street with 3-story building with commercial on the first floor and residential on the next two floors.

Haskill Basin Watershed Council (HBWC): No report.

Flathead Basin Commission (FBC): Report attached from Gordon Ash. Samantha Tappenbeck reported the primary agenda item was potential legislation to combine FBC and UC3 as part of the Governor’s Red Tape Reduction Initiative. Staff, which currently serves both commissions, would be retained. Some expressed support for it, and some voiced concern that combining the commissions would dilute the focus out of the Flathead basin to a much larger regional scale, and shift staff capacity.

Flathead River Commission (FRC): Samantha Tappenbeck stated she had provided a report of the final Water Policy Interim Committee (WPIC) meeting and presentation, and noted the next step is to provide study results to the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission. The FRC is planning a flood preparation meeting with agencies and water managers in the spring of 2023. The next meeting is November 9th.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF

MACD Convention Registration: The Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) annual convention theme this year is “Cultivating Our Conservation Story.” Convention will be held November 15-17 at Delta Colonial Hotel in Helena. Samantha Tappenbeck will register and book rooms for Supervisors and Staff wanting to attend. She noted that the Board needs to appoint a FCD representative to vote on resolutions and main meeting items. Pete Woll asked Samantha to email resolutions to the board for discussion at the November 14th 310-meeting.

MACD Auction: Samantha Tappenbeck explained there will be a silent auction during the MACD convention banquet. Districts will bring their own items to the auction. Flathead CD is putting together a basket to represent our area via contributions from staff and supervisors. Proceeds from that auction go to MACD.

Legislative Breakfast: Jessie Walthers explained the district will hold a legislative breakfast on Wednesday, November 11th, 7:30 A.M. at the Red Lion. A Save the Date notice has been sent out with more information to follow. Discussion included attendees, topics, and handout materials.

Meeting Schedule:

November: Samantha Tappenbeck noted the November 310-Permit Meeting is scheduled for 11/14/22, which conflicts with the MACD Convention. Supervisors agreed to keep the meeting date.

December: The December 310-meeting and Business meeting will be combined on December 12th.

Education Letter: Donna Pridmore will email the draft Education Letter to the Board for review and suggested edits.

The next 310-Stream Permit meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2022, 7:00 P.M. in person and via ZOOM.

Adjournment: Donna Pridmore motioned “to adjourn.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Submitted By:

Ginger Kauffman
Administrator

Reviewed By:

Samantha Tappenbeck
Resource Conservationist

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

11/28/2022
(Date)

Donna Pridmore
(Signature)

Secretary/Treasurer
(Title – Chair etc.)