



Flathead Conservation District
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CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Chair Ronald Buentemeier called the November 13, 2017, 310-Stream Permit meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

Board members present:

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

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

Also in attendance were: Valerie Kurth and Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Leo Rosenthal and Kenny Breidinger, Montana Fish Wildlife & Park (MFWP); Vincent Grillo; Brad Bennet, Applied Water Consulting.

MINUTES

Mark Siderius made a motion "to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2017, business meeting as presented." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email: Department of Natural Resources (DNRC) Environmental Contingency grants will be made available to address mitigation efforts on private range and forest lands affected by fires that are not covered by other financial assistance programs. Contact Karl Christians, DNRC, kchristians@mt.gov
2. Email: National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) weekly news briefs *The NACD eResource* and the *Conservation Clip List* [nacdnnews@nacdn.net](mailto:nacdnews@nacdn.net)
3. Email: October 25 issue of Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Montana (SWCDM) publication *The Montana Conservationist* <http://swcdm.org>
4. Email: Whitefish Planning Board meeting, November 16, 6:00 P.M. Whitefish City Council Chambers. <http://www.cityofwhitefish.org>
5. Email: November 27 issue of Flathead Audubon's *Pileated Post* www.flatheadaudubon.org
6. Email: Clark Fork & Kootenai River Basins Council activities update <http://mtwatersheds.org/app/clark-fork-basin-council>
7. Email: November 1 issue of Gallatin CD newsletter *Conservation Journal* <http://www.gallatincd.org>
8. Email: Fall edition of the Lower Musselshell CD newsletter *LCMD Conservation News*



- <http://lmcddistrict.com>
9. Email: Valley County Conservation District announces the 2018 Transboundary Grasslands Workshop in Glasgow, MT February 13-15. Detailed agenda and registration information to follow in coming weeks.
<http://valleycd.macdnet.org>
 10. Email: National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) *Forestry Notes* www.forestrynotes.com highlights the upcoming Small Acreage Landowner Seminar and notes Flathead Conservation District. This edition also includes a story about a conservation district owned 78 acre forest
<http://www.nacdnet.org/2017/10/26/district-owned-forest-provides-community-endless-opportunities>
 11. Email: *Tools for Engaging Landowners Effectively* workshop, Lubrecht Experimental Forest, December 5-6, 9:00 A.M.– 5:00 P.M.
Contact Ashley Juran, Ashley.juran@mt.gov
 12. Email: Rosebud & Big Horn Conservation Districts fall newsletter *Conservation Connection* www.rosebudcd.com
 13. Email: The DNRC Reclamation and Development Grants Program will be accepting planning grant applications in an open cycle until January 26, 2018. These grants are for planning activities leading to project grant applications.
Contact Heidi Anderson Fohnagy: 406.444.6691, hfohnagy@mt.gov
 14. Email: Lewis & Clark CD is hosting a Supervisor Training, December 7, 1:00 – 4:00 P.M., DNRC north/south conference room, 1539 Eleventh Ave., Helena. Contact Chris Evans 406-449-5000, Ext. 112, www.lccd.mtnacdnet.org
 15. Email: Montana Watershed Coordination Council November 2, 2017 issue of *Watershed News* www.mtwatersheds.org
 16. Email: Lewis & Clark Conservation District is hosting the 2018 Winter Grazing Seminar, February 6 & 7, 2018 in Helena Montana at the Radisson Colonial Hotel. Registration information, can be found on the Lewis & Clark Conservation District webpage at <http://lccd.mt.nacdnet.org/index.php/2018-winter-grazing-seminar/> or contact the Conservation District office at 406.449.5000 ext. 112, lccd@mt.net.
 17. Email: DNRC Environmental Contingency grant applications are due January 10, 2018. These funds are to address mitigation efforts on private range and forest lands affected by the fires that are not covered by other financial assistance programs. Contact Karl Christians 406-444-3022, kchristians@mt.gov

FINANCIAL

The following bills were reviewed:

1. Byte Savvy \$45.00
2. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
3. Lake County CD \$500.00
4. MACD-EO \$75.00
5. Montana Sky Networks \$20.00
6. Mountain States Leasing \$1,545.56

Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve the bills as presented.” Verdell Jackson 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: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve the application as submitted.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Beatty, FL2017035, Flathead River, dock/bank stabilization/irrigation structure: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to table until the December 310-meeting.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Boyd, FL2017053C, Nine Mile Creek, complaint: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to send the standard complaint letter to the landowner.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Brummel, FL2017040C, Whitefish River, complaint: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to forward this to the county attorney’s office as no response was received.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Gardner Investments, FL2017049, Ashley Creek, fill/pond/wetland alt: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “this is not a project under our jurisdiction.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Grillo, FL2017058, Swan River, bank stabilization: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, November 28, 9:30 A.M. at the site.

Hanson, FL2017055, Sickler Creek, dredging: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Dean Sirucek’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Knudsen, FL2017047C, O’Neil Creek, complaint: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “this is not a violation.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

McCrorie, FL2017056, Flathead River, bank stabilization: An on-site inspection was set for Monday, November 20, 8:45 A.M. at the site.

Peura, FL2017054C, Whale Creek, complaint: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to send the standard complaint letter to the landowner.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Pheifer Trust, FL2017057C, Nine Mile Creek, complaint: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to send the standard complaint to the landowner.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



Pipkorn, FL2017048, Trumbull Creek, watering gap: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Ronald Buentemeier’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Stalowy, FL2016050, Bear Creek, litigation: Valerie Kurth reported no response has been received regarding the request for permit modification. Stalow has now filed for litigation. The judicial review will be handled by Caitlin Overland, Flathead County Attorney’s office; and if necessary, the MACO attorney will handle any damages.

Stillwater Corp, FL2017061, Stillwater River, temporary pump station: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application as submitted.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Toth, FL2016048, Swift Creek, permit extension request: Discussion held. Lori Curtis made a motion “to approve a one-year permit extension.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Walters, FL2017025, Flathead River, arbitration: Valerie Kurth reported the arbitration panel met and has selected a timeline. The hearing, which is public, is set for December 14th. Supervisors, other than those contacted as witnesses, are not required to attend.

Weaver Entities, FL2017059, Flathead River tributary, discharge outfall: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, November 28, 11:30 A.M. at the site.

Weaver Entities, FL2017060, Flathead River, bank stabilization: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, November 28, 11:30 A.M. at the site.

Windnagle, FL2017031, Flathead River, permit modification request: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the permit modification request received 10/12/2017.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Winter Sports Inc., FL2017051E, Haskill Creek, notice of emergency: Discussion held. Lori Curtis made a motion “to approve the notice of emergency.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

MACD Resolution & Bylaws: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to support Resolution 17-1 (Promote agency policies to limit the spread of invasive species) and the MACD By-laws update; and to approve Ronald Buentemeier as the voting representative for the Flathead CD at the 2017 MACD convention.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried with one no vote.

Employee Medical Insurance Renewal: This will be moved to the November business meeting agenda to allow staff time to review the options.



Property Schedule Update: Discussion held. Lori Curtis made a motion “to approve the MACO Acknowledgement form based on the letter dated 11/2/2017.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF

- Board Appointments/Representatives

The next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 27, 2017, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

Adjournment: Dean Sirucek made a motion “to adjourn.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

<u>11/27/2017</u>	<u>Ronald Buentemeier</u>	<u>Chair</u>
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title - Chair etc.)

