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## **CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE**

Chair, Pete Woll called the December 12, 2022, combined 310-Stream Permit & 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, Supervisor; Angela Jacobs, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

**Board members absent:** None.

Also, in attendance were Samantha Tappenbeck, FCD staff; Jessie Walthers, FCD staff; Bill Yankee, FCD Associate Supervisor; Donna Valade; Katie Ridinger, 406 Docks; Brad Bennet; Tamara Tanberg, APEC Engineering; Dan Wallen; Susan Hulslander, CPA; Lynda Saul; Daniel Hodges; Emilie Henry, Flathead Basin Commission; Drew Paslawsky; Garret Muonio; Tory Baughan.

## **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:**

Tabled 310s

- Big Sky Invest., FL-2022-052, Garnier Crk, boring/stormwater/sub
- Buck, FL-2021-041C, Stoner Creek, complaint
- Inspiration Drive, FL-2022-007, Whitefish River, path/ret wall/stairs
- Sneed, FL-2022-057C, Meadow Creek, complaint
- Sneed, FL-2022-058C, Patterson Creek, complaint
- Turner, FL-2021-081C, Swan River, Turner

### **Consent Agenda Item 3:**

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### **Consent Agenda Item 4: Financial**

The following bills were reviewed:

Check Detail dated 11/28/2022

1. Charter Communications \$162.95
2. Montana Sky Networks \$10.00

Check Detail dated 12/6/2022

1. Byte Savvy \$130.00
2. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
3. Jane O'Toole Vorsheck \$3,210.73
4. John R. Shotzberger \$4,271.35
5. Steitzhof Merinos \$2,939.00
6. Mountain States Leasing – Kalispell \$1,884.86

### **Consent Agenda Item 5:**

Correspondence:

- Email from county discontinuing ALL special districts insurance
- Letter from MACO discontinuing CD insurance

John Ellis motioned “to approve the consent agenda.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

### **310 Onsite Inspections**

**Andrews, FL-2022-069, Flathead River, back stabilization/dock:** Pete Woll motioned to “declare FL-2022-069 a project.” Donna Pridmore seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

An onsite inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, December 21, 2022, 10:00 A.M. at the site.

**Hale, FL-2022-072, Swift Creek, bank stabilization:** John Ellis motioned “FL-2022-072 is a project.” Roger Marsonette seconded. Motion carried unanimously. John noted that the previous 310-permit #FL-2021-084 expired last month. The new application is for the same project.

John Ellis motioned “that we waive the onsite inspection and the application be approved with the same modifications that were on FL-2021-084.” Donna Pridmore seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held to review modifications specified in previous permit.

**Hodges, FL-2022-071, Giefer Creek, placement of fill:** Scott Rumsey proposed tabling the application until the site can be seen after snowmelt in the spring. The applicant noted that the pond is eutrophying, it is currently muddy, conditions in the pond should be viewable now. Applicant is trying to move forward with other permits and would like to get an answer on the question in order to move forward. He added that there is approximately two feet of snow cover at this time. Discussion held over the location of the proposed project relative to factors that are used to determine 310-jurisdiction, beaver activity in the area, topography of the area around the pond. Ponds are filled by surface water. Scott noted that the project incorporates placement of fill for a sewage pipeline.

Scott Rumsey motioned "FL-2022-071 is a project and to table the onsite inspection until the location is snow-free." Donna Pridmore seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Montana MOKKO, FL-2022-067C, Stillwater River, complaint:** Donna Pridmore described the alleged violation and the response received from the attorney representing the landowner.

An onsite inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, December 21, 2022, 1:30 P.M. at the site. Donna Pridmore, John Ellis, and Kenny Breidinger will attend.

**Stober, FL-2022-070, Flathead River, bank stabilization:** Pete Woll motioned "FL-2022-070 is a project." Donna Pridmore seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

An onsite inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, December 21, 2022, 11:00 A.M. at the site.

### **310's**

#### **Beatty, FL-2022-064, Flathead River, bank stabilization**

Kenny Breidinger and Donna Pridmore inspected the site and said they ran out of rocks, ran out of time, and ran out extension. FL-2022-064 is a new application to do the same thing. Waiting for water levels to drop and bank to dry out. Kenny Breidinger noted it looked like he had added dogwoods and vegetation was coming up through some of the rip rap. Donna Pridmore noted he took out hawthorns and added more dogwoods and had also added caragana along his fence. Donna Pridmore noted they talked to him about the height of the riprap on the bank; he will continue the riprap length to the downstream side and also add more on top so the water does not overtop and go behind the riprap.

Donna Pridmore motioned "that we approve FL-2022-064 as submitted." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Hickok, FL-2022-065, Whitefish River, fill**

Roger Marsonette noted that site visit was completed on 12/1/22. Fill material added to low area in the floodplain of the Whitefish River. Proposing to add additional fill into a low area to smooth the area out. Most of the fill that has been placed is outside of a 20-ft buffer from the edge of the bank. Some fill was added within that buffer and he will remove that material back. Kenny Breidinger noted that the area is being leveled for a pasture.

Roger Marsonette motioned "that FL-2022-065 be approved with the following modifications: silt fence be placed between the fill area and the edge of the bank, and that the disturbed areas be revegetated as soon as possible." John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Hodge, FL-2022-015C, Stillwater River tributary, complaint:** No additional information from alleged violator or complainant. Legal counsel would look into similar options.

Donna Pridmore motioned "to dismiss complaint FL-2022-015C." John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Kusler, FL-2022-044, Flathead River, dock**

Donna Pridmore and Pete Woll described the application and the process the applicant has pursued to adjust the property boundary line in order to be able to add another dock upstream of the existing dock. When FCD got the Certificate of Survey, when reading the text even with boundary line adjustment it said that both property owners still had access to the dock via the easement. Consulted legal counsel, Camisha Sawtelle to see if this situation was allowable per the Adopted Rules. Camisha concurred that the applicant is in fact able to add the additional dock by doing the boundary line adjustment survey and it would meet

Donna Pridmore motioned “to approve FL-2022-044 as proposed.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenny Breidinger noted that he believed the dock design did not fit the adopted rules exactly but because of the water depth an exception can be made to the adopted rules. John Ellis noted that the history that mitigates this in the landowners favor is that his wife has a disability and this would provide her access to the dock. Additional discussion around language in the Adopted Rules and relevance to ADA compliance.

#### **Lowerre, FL-2022-068, Flathead River, gangway & dock**

Pete Woll explained this is for installation of a floating dock that falls well within our Adopted Rules. Kenny Breidinger and Pete Woll visited on 12/8/22. Existing deck with a stairway down that has been there for a number of years, suspended above riparian area. Proposal is to gang plank from the stairs to the end of the floating dock. Dock tied down with two posts and chains off of it. Recommend approval. Kenny Breidinger concurred it meets Adopted Rules, nothing additional to add. Katie Ridinger concurred that gangway will be sitting on the bank next to the stairs, it won't actually connect.

Pete Woll motioned on FL-2022-068 “to approve as proposed with the specifications in the Team Member Report.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Lucke, FL-2022-043C, Flathead River, complaint**

No application received to date.

John Ellis motioned “on FL-2022-043C that we send the landowner a second letter asking to submit 310 application by 12/31/2022 or we will refer the case to the county attorney for prosecution.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Patterson, FL-2022-066, Garnier Creek, bank stabilization & re-veg**

Initially submitted as a notice of emergency for a complete culvert washout on Garnier Creek. Did emergency work, replaced culvert and brought in fill. Did a follow-up inspection of emergency work (John Ellis, Roger Marsonette, Kenny Breidinger, Cindy Patterson, and Russ). Emergency was approved with modifications, and the applicant submitted permit application which was approved with modifications including revegetation, downstream stabilization, and water diverters on the road. Work was completed and a follow-up inspection was completed by Angela Jacobs, Roger Marsonette, and Kenny Breidinger. The following modifications were included in the TMR: add topsoil and seed the fillslope and reshape road surface to divert surface runoff. Specific locations for placement of the surface diversions were discussed on site but not specifically written into the TMR.

Roger Marsonette noted the applicant was also proposing to do some bank stabilization downstream of the channel, sloping it back and revegetating, and that the applicant felt that the buck brush would revegetate the area naturally. Roger Marsonette noted that approximately 100-150 ft downstream, Garnier Creek confluences with Trumbull Creek, and during high flow events it creates a backwater effect on the culvert. Angela Jacobs noted that the actual driveway slopes down intensely. Roger Marsonette noted that when he places the topsoil he will need to do some shaping to smooth things out but should be okay.

Kenny Breidinger noted that this was a huge project done under an emergency permit and that if he had applied for a regular permit we would have had him do things substantially different. The applicant had to bring in a tremendous amount of fill. He worked with a forest service engineer, Jack David, to do the work. The crossing was accepted. The applicant plans on resurfacing the driveway, right now it is just course pitrun; plans to do diversions at that time to divert water from the road, and also add topsoil and reseed the area to stabilize. Downstream of the culvert it blew out and created an oxbow and there are steep vertical banks that will be impacted by browsing pressure because the applicant grazes it right to the edge of the stream bed.

John Ellis noted that the application was vague and asked if the modifications had been recorded on the TMR. Samantha read out the modifications that were included in the TMR: topsoil and reseed fill slope, road surface reshaped to divert surface runoff.

Kenny Breidinger mentioned that they had discussed specific areas where the road surface needs to be reshaped and where those surface diversions should be, but this was not specifically captured in the TMR. Kenny Breidinger also noted that they are kind of there already but they just need to be shaped out a little better, and that pretty much the entire fill slope needs to be seeded around the pipes. John Ellis asked if anything needed to be done to the streambed downstream of the culvert. Kenny Breidinger replied that what happened downstream of the culvert was a result of high flows reshaping/repositioning the channel in that location, the oxbow is still there and will still flow. Kenny Breidinger thinks it will probably continue to erode until it re-finds that length and readjusts. Nothing was specified for work that needs to be done to the stream bed or banks in that downstream section of stream.

Roger Marsonette noted some concerns with the downstream channel banks. When the water comes out of the culvert it makes an immediate left curve around an oxbow back into the channel as it is right now; with the culvert installed, it's now pretty much a straight shot from the culvert down. Roger Marsonette's concern is that with substantial flow out of the culvert it could erode those downstream banks that are no longer buffered by the oxbow. Roger Marsonette noted that sloping the bank may not be enough. Photos from the emergency inspection were reviewed.

Roger Marsonette would recommend more involved work to protect the downstream area from erosion. The applicant has proposed sloping those banks back at a 2:1 slope, and that the buckbrush will revegetate the area to stabilize it. There is a log in the stream which creates a plunge pool that they suspect has led to some scour in that location. Scott Rumsey asked if they could incorporate energy dissipators below the pipe. Kenny Breidinger noted that he had a lot of problems with the work that was done and approved under the emergency permit, including that the culvert is perched on the downstream end and that was not properly aligned to the natural streambed. Pete Woll asked if the pipe was long enough, and Kenny Breidinger

replied yes because there is a terrace on top of the pipe before you get to where the fillslope climbs, there is a 8-10 ft. bench, and then the road surface slopes up from there. They placed angular rip rap all around the pipe, poured pitrun sand on top of it, and intend to put topsoil on top of it.

Roger Marsonette noted in his opinion the 2:1 slope and revegetation of the initial outlet of the pipe is not going to be adequate. John Ellis noted that any changes can be included at this point and specified as modifications. Roger Marsonette expressed concerns about designing the project. Kenny Breidinger noted that we could be more specific about the reshaping and planting for a specific distance downstream. Pete Woll noted that we could table the application and ask for more detail on how the applicant plans to revegetate and stabilize the 2:1 slope at the downstream location.

Kenny Breidinger noted that we made a mistake in accepting the application because it was incomplete because of how vague the information was, but they went out and discussed specifically what needed to be done. The emergency work was already approved, and now we are trying to mitigate the work that was done. Roger Marsonette noted that in the application, he stated that he is proposing to revegetate and stabilize a portion of Garnier Creek and that it will be sloped and revegetated, so he is potentially leaving it open (or intentionally vague). Roger Marsonette feels that he needs to do more to stabilize that slope.

Leo Rosenthal noted that a lot of the sand and fillslope that was installed over the culvert needs to be stabilized as well. It looks like some of that fill material is already eroding into the creek, so if the applicant were to just add topsoil over that it would just wash down into the creek as well. Kenny Breidinger noted that the photos make it look steeper than he recalls seeing during the inspection. Roger Marsonette noted this is also the case on the inlet of the culvert. Roger Marsonette also noted that the stream comes in from a certain direction and then makes a little bit of a bend before entering the inlet of the pipe, and it seems like a lot of the flow is going to hit the exposed rock and pitrun sand fill on the river-right side. Kenny Breidinger noted there are flow diverters that were installed when rebuilding the channel and put a big wall up there. Discussion of the culvert alignment and recommendations from the USFS road engineer.

Kenny Breidinger noted that the emergency was approved, and that for additional work, a 310 application needed to be submitted to clean it up and address concerns about revegetation, water diverters, and channel stabilization.

Kenny Breidinger, Roger Marsonette, Angela Jacobs, and Scott Rumsey will get together to determine what work needs to be done and what should be included as specific modifications in the application. Another site visit is needed in order to review and determine specific modifications. There may be snow cover at the site. The landowner needs to be contacted to get permission and set another inspection date.

John Ellis motioned "to table the application until the next 310 meeting." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Sneed, FL-2022-060C, Meadow Creek, complaint**

Pete Woll noted that when the initial onsite inspection was completed, they did not view the area where the violation was alleged in FL-2022-060C. Discussion held about the location of the

alleged violation on Meadow Creek. Mr. Wallen clarified the location of the building that was specified in the complaint. Pete Woll noted that we should go back out to look into the jurisdictional determination on the ground. Leo Rosenthal noted that they had looked at the portion of the creek upstream of the project area and concurred that an additional onsite inspection is needed. Mr. Wallen noted that he had submitted high-res aerial photos.

An onsite inspection was scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2022, 10:00 A.M. at the site. Leo Rosenthal will pick up Scott Rumsey at the park-and-ride at 9:20am, meet Pete Woll at 9:30am.

**Spartan Holdings, FL-2021-102, Stillwater River, permit extension request:** Verdell Jackson motioned “to extend FL-2021-102 for one year until 12/13/2023.” Roger Marsonette seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Annual Financial Report**

Susan Hulslander presented annual financial report for FY21/22 which is submitted to the Department of Administration. Total growth was \$551,025, which is up from the year before but we are under the fee/audit requirement. These reports are cash-basis whereas QuickBooks is accounts-basis – differences are based on accounts payable and receivable. Total outflow was \$602,374 put us at a \$51,000 net operating loss. This is not necessarily good, bad, or indifferent, it just shows that we spent funds that we had available on services and/or increased expenses rather than acquire additional funds for those expenditures. Noteworthy increases in expenses: Administrative, Conservation Projects, Personnel, Watershed Resources; Decreases: Education expenses. John Ellis asked if this was the first year we’ve had a loss or if it varies over time. Susan Hulslander noted that it varies, but that the \$51,000 was generally more significant than in previous years but noted that we have significant assets which is also included on the report (cash started out at \$427,000 and year ending at \$376,000). Susan Hulslander also noted that what goes to the government is a list of depreciable assets including furniture and equipment.

Donna Pridmore motioned “to approve the annual financial report.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Adopted Rules Update Discussion**

The 310 Permit Attachment is attached to the 310 Permit and includes specifications and standards from the Adopted Rules. The following section of text is inserted into the specifications and standards in red font:

#### **General Items – RIPARIAN AREAS**

The riparian area of a stream surrounds the stream and includes native trees, shrubs and grasses. These areas are vitally important in maintaining both water quality and quantity. Roots of woody vegetation stabilize the stream banks and minimize erosion and flood damage, protecting your property. Decaying plant materials on the ground serve as a filter to slow sediment and chemicals from entering the water. This keeps the water clean. The fertile soils soak up and hold excess moisture that is released during low flow periods. This helps keep streams flowing during later summer and drought times. The vegetation provides shade which cools the water, enhancing fish survival. It provides resting areas and food for fish (50 to 90% of aquatic food is obtained from



streamside trees, and other vegetation). The vegetation also provides important food, nesting sites and cover for land animals and birds. Removal of riparian vegetation can result in channel changes, massive bank sloughing, erosion and property loss or damage.

- a. Extra precautions shall be taken to preserve existing riparian vegetation.
- b. Clearing of vegetation will be limited to that which is absolutely necessary for construction of the project. We urge all property owners to establish, enhance and maintain the riparian area along their property.
- c. All stream bank and adjacent areas disturbed by the construction activity shall be protected with temporary erosion control measures during the construction activities. These areas shall be reclaimed with long-term erosion control measures and revegetated immediately after construction.
- d. We encourage the landowners to leave as much native vegetation as possible but realize that property owners usually desire to be able to view the water on their lot. Trimming the height of riparian vegetation is preferable to removing it entirely. We advocate the removal of vegetation only in segments, interspersing heavily vegetative areas with cleared areas. This method allows for viewing of the stream yet does not destroy the riparian areas.

This information is not part of the Adopted Rules, but years ago the Board decided that this information should be inserted into the specifications and standards that are sent out with the 310 Permit Attachment. Donna Pridmore noted that this is confusing to those that receive the 310 Permit Attachment.

Discussion was held about whether this and any additional information should be incorporated into the Adopted Rules through the formal process of updating the Adopted Rules. The Board agreed that it would be worthwhile for Supervisor Donna Pridmore to review the Adopted Rules and provide a list of suggested edits and additions to consider. For now, the Board agreed that it would be appropriate to remove the "General Items – RIPARIAN AREAS" text from the 310 Permit Packet, and further, that any information sent out with a 310 Permit should be limited to that which is included in the Adopted Rules.

Donna Pridmore motioned "to remove the information included in red lettering in the 310-permit packet that goes out after we approve a permit." John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**City of Whitefish Urban Supervisor Appointments:** Donna Pridmore motioned "to approve John Ellis's appointment for another 3-year term." Roger Marsonette seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

John noted that Samantha had indicated in the letter to the City of Whitefish that he had agreed to another three-year term. The City Council therefore appointed him for another 3-year term. However, John had intended to retire from the Board when his term ended on 12/31/2022 but will continue on until someone else is found to fill the position.

**Western Grazing and Ag Conference Sponsorship Request:** Discussion was held about the conference and how FCD has provided support in previous years. Samantha Tappenbeck stated that Staff is interested in attending. Pete Woll noted that he had attended in 2018 and found it to



be very valuable and encouraged Supervisors to attend if interested. Samantha added that the date conflicts with the January 19, 2023, Special Meeting. Donna Pridmore noted that we could reschedule the Special Meeting if needed.

John Ellis motioned “to sponsor the 2023 Western Grazing and Ag conference at the silver sponsorship level.” Roger Marsonette seconded.

**Conservation Grant Reimbursement Requests:** Jessie Walthers reviewed two projects completed through the Conservation Grant Program and presented project completion information.

Donna Pridmore motioned “to reimburse Flathead Audubon for CG-2021-10 for \$1,012.20.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Donna Pridmore motioned “to approve CG-2021-12 in the amount of \$3,081.41.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

**Flathead CD Staff:** No report

**Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):** No report

**DNRC Conservation Districts Bureau:** Attached

**Flathead County Planning Board (FCPB):** Verdell Jackson reported about the septage biosolids treatment facility and the selection of the site. Requested input from the board to bring to the Flathead County Planning Board meeting. Discussion was held regarding potential impacts to be considered and the need for the facility.

**Whitefish City Planning Board (WCPB):** John Ellis reported the only thing that took place last month was the approval of affordable housing to be located on the “snow lot” adjacent to the train station where the city dumps its snow.

John noted that he’s not sure how FCD will have any Whitefish Planning Board representation in the future. The “donut lawsuit” caused the city to withdraw from the city-county planning board, and the CD no longer has a position on that board. Need to get somebody who wants to do both. Angela Jacobs noted the city will try to find someone, and that Middleton might be interested in doing it but it’s a big commitment to a lot of meetings. John added that for now, FCD can get the agendas and minutes and go from there.

**Haskill Basin Watershed Council (HBWC):** Samantha reported that the last meeting was on September 27, and the next meeting is set for January 11, 2023. HBWC took a field trip on October 19 to the two diversions on Haskill Creek, and Craig Workman, the City’s Public Works Director, explained how the diversions work. The issue that HBWC is currently working on is to try and work with the City to divert less water from Haskill Creek. John Phelps indicated that he would be available to attend the January Business Meeting and provide at 10-15 minute

presentation the Board about what HBWC is currently working on. The Board agreed they would be interested in seeing that presentation.

**Flathead Basin Commission (FBC):** Scott noted that there has not been a meeting since he last reported out. He and Samantha attended the public meeting with Flathead County Commissioners about the proposed biosolids treatment facility location and design. Scott also reported that Kate Wilson has left the position and moved into a position with Bonneville Power Administration, and that the vacancy for an Executive Director position is open. Emilie Henry was also in attendance and noted that the vacancy posting had just closed and that there is a possibility that a new Executive Director could be in place prior to Christmas. Emilie also reported that FBC is working with CSKT to build out the septic risk model to incorporate the Lake County area information. They are also moving forward with the draft bill to combine FBC and UC3 and that FBC staff will be involved in that process as informational witnesses.

**Flathead River Commission (FRC):** No report

### **MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF**

**City of Whitefish Riverbend Condo Path and Guidelines:** Angela Jacobs said the City of Whitefish has been negotiating with the Riverbend condo representatives for about 17 years and is trying to negotiate the location of the easement for the Whitefish Trail through that property. They have admitted they have an easement but have told them in unequivocal terms that they will never build it. Unsure what will happen going forward. There will probably be litigation over the next several years to resolve the issue.

Donna Pridmore suggested that we provide edits and add information about 310 Permitting. John Ellis suggested we send a letter with specific suggestions for edits to the design guidelines to Karin Hilding and Craig Workman to include information about 310 Permitting.

Kenny Breidinger noted that regarding the approval of the design for the Riverbend Condo section, he still considers the entire Whitefish River Trail to be one project. Kenny also noted that he's not sure how the City is going to put a 10-foot wide path on a 6-foot wide easement. Ultimately this will be a 124 Permit. Angela Jacobs noted that the city intends to reach out to Kenny, Fish Wildlife and Parks, to communicate and work with them throughout the process.

**Biosolids Treatment Facility Letter of Support:** The board discussed the specifics of zoning and conditions at the property. John Ellis suggested that the district has already expressed support for the facility based on need, and that we should not submit more specific comment at this time.

**CD Awareness Day:** Pete Woll expressed support for staff attending and that it can be very beneficial for connecting with legislators.

John Ellis motioned "to approve travel expenses for one staff and one supervisor to travel to Helena for the CD Rotunda Event and Legislative Meet and Greet." Donna Pridmore seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Staff will provide a specific travel budget for approval at January 310 Meeting.

**Additional matters – 310-Meeting:**

John Ellis motioned “to move the 310-meeting from Monday, January 9, 2023, to Tuesday, January 10, 2023.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The next 310-Permit Meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2023, 7:00 P.M. in person and via ZOOM.

**Adjournment:**

Roger Marsonette motioned “to adjourn.” Donna Pridmore seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 P.M.

Submitted By:

Samantha Tappenbeck  
Resource Conservationist

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

<u>2/13/2023</u>	<u>Pete Woll</u>	<u>Chair</u>
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title – Chair etc.)



## REPORT TO WESTERN CONSERVATION DISTRICTS DECEMBER 2022

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Green Mountain CD and Ruby Valley CD for their successful applications for CD Project/Capacity grants! Both CDs submitted great applications for project funding towards watershed and riparian area restoration projects. I look forward to seeing these great projects implemented!

### ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

If your fiscal year runs July 1 – June 30, don't forget that your annual financial report is **due by December 30**. These reports are required by the Department of Administration: Local Government Services. If you need more information or assistance with your report, contact Darla Erikson at [DErickson@mt.gov](mailto:DErickson@mt.gov) or (406) 444-9491. Don't be late, there are penalties!

### MACD ANNUAL CONVENTION

It was great to see everyone in-person at the annual MACD convention in November. It was an excellent opportunity to hear directly from CDs and gain a better understanding of how DRNC can support you. During the convention, I moderated the panel discussion on resilience, and I came away with several ideas for future opportunities to work together. I look forward to working with CDs in the coming months and years to increase our preparedness for emergencies in the future.

### CDB OFFICE HOURS

Due to scheduling conflicts and holidays, we will not be hosting CDB Office Hours in December. We'll resume in January. Stay tuned for the exact schedule.

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Monday, December 26th is the observed holiday for Christmas. CD offices will be closed, and this is a paid holiday.

Can you believe another year has come and gone? It seems like just yesterday that I was hired at DRNC to represent CDs in Western Montana. This has been a year of growth, learning, humility, and awe. I am continuously amazed by the great work that CDs across the state accomplish and am proud to support your efforts in any way I can. I'm looking forward to another great year!

Wishing everyone a happy holiday season,

-Hailey Graf



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