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**CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Ronald Buentemeier called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

**Board members present:** Ronald Buentemeier, Chairman; Pete Woll, Vice Chairman; Camisha Sawtelle, Secretary/Treasurer; Dean Sirucek, Supervisor; John Ellis, Supervisor; Mark Siderius, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Also in attendance were: Valerie Kurth and Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Leo Rosenthal and Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Sarah Bowman, Big Sky Watershed Corps & FCD; Davar Gardner; Josh Knight; Raymond Jackson; Mikel Siemens.

**MINUTES:** Mark Siderius made a motion "to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016 business meeting as presented." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. River to Lake, Flathead Land Trust & Audubon Flathead are sponsoring a Bike & Bird Tour, Saturday, May 14, 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Contact 752-8293 or [lkatzman@flatheadlandtrust.org](mailto:lkatzman@flatheadlandtrust.org)
2. May 4, 2016 issue of *The Montana Conservationist*
3. May 2016 issue of McCone CD newsletter *Conservation News*
4. Judith Basin CD is helping to host the *Judith Basin County Range School – Low Stress Livestock Handling*, June 2, 2016, Geyser Community Hall, Geyser, MT. Contact 406-566-2311, Ext. 107.
5. NRCS & DNRC are sponsoring a *Forestry Management Workshop*, Bass Creek Recreation Area, Wednesday, May 11, 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Contact Stacy Pease, NRCS, 406-363-5010, Ext. 110.
6. Cascade CD has a part-time opening for the position of District Secretary/Receptionist. Contact 406-727-3603, Ext. 125 or go to [www.cascadecd.com](http://www.cascadecd.com)
7. Spring 2016 issue of Lower Musselshell CD newsletter *LMCD Conservation News*



**FINANCIAL:** The following bills were reviewed:

1. Montana DNRC \$250.00
2. Byte Savvy \$45.00
3. Daily Interlake \$376.00
4. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
5. FVCC \$1,000.00
6. Kalispell Copy Center \$65.25
7. Montana State Fund \$711.62
8. Mountain States Leasing \$1545.56
9. MSU Bozeman \$1,000.00
10. St. Edwards University \$1,000.00
11. Whitefish School District #44 \$2424.21
12. MSU Bozeman \$1,000.00
13. Sarah Bowman \$22.68
14. Flathead FFA \$1009.26

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 on the agenda.

**310:**

**BIG MTN/WFSH MTN RESORT, FL2016024, First Creek, culvert:** An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, May 17, 8:30 A.M. at the site.

**BIG MTN/WFSH MTN RESORT, FL2016025, First Creek, culvert:** An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, May 17, 8:30 A.M. at the site.

**BROWN, FL2016021, Rose Creek, covered boat dock:** Discussion held. Camisha Sawtelle made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Camisha Sawtelle’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports. The 15-day waiting period is waived.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CLIFTON/DEPT. HUD CA, FL2016017C, Bowser Spring Creek, complaint:** Kenny Breidinger, FWP, reported he had contacted HUD. HUD stated the property is not theirs, but there may be a lending agency working with HUD. Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “to table until the May business meeting.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

During the meeting Camisha Sawtelle located landowner information from Flathead County. Discussion held. Camisha Sawtelle made a motion “to send the standard complaint letter to the Clifton’s.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



**DNC PARKS & RESORTS**, FL2016022, Whitefish River, dock: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, May 17, at the site. The area supervisor will contact the applicant when the previous on-site is completed.

**GARDNER**, FL2016020 Unnamed, culverts: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Verdell Jackson’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**GILBERT**, FL2016014, Unnamed, stream/channel alteration: Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per John Ellis’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports. The 15-day waiting period is waived.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**HARDY**, FL2015051, Stillwater River, bank stabilization/fill/debris removal: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to withdraw the application as requested.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**SMITH**, FL2016023C, East Spring Creek, complaint: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to send the standard complaint letter to the landowner.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**STALOWY**, FL2016007C, FL2016008C, FL2016009C, Bear Creek, complaints: Pete Woll reported he, Camisha Sawtelle and Valerie Kurth met with Caitlin Overland, Flathead County Attorney’s office, regarding the complaints. Caitlin Overland will give the district advice. Don McIntyre and Laurie Zeller at DNRC were also contacted, and both said there have been similar cases in the state that required a legal review prior to a technical review.

Valerie Kurth reported she has already contacted several firms regarding a technical review. She also contacted Mr. Stalowy’s attorney about having a drone fly over done. Mikel Siemens stated Mr. Stalowy does not object to a drone fly over of the site, but would like a copy of the flight. Pete stated written permission would be needed from Mr. Stalowy. Mikel said there is currently no discharge through the culverts, no work is occurring related to the pond, and the site is being monitored. Ronald Buentemeier asked if the district could have copies of the monitoring documentation.

Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to table the complaints until a legal review is completed.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Valerie Kurth will follow-up with Don McIntyre and Caitlin Overland and report back to the board.

**TOTH**, FL2016019E, Swift Creek, notice of emergency: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the notice of emergency.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



**WEYERHAEUSER**, FL2016026, Bear Creek, culvert: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application with modifications. The on-site is waived with concurrence by FWP.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEBARD**, FL2016027C, Bootjack Creek, complaint: Verdell Jackson made a motion “to send the standard complaint letter to the Hebard’s.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**KRAUSE CREEK GRANT APPLICATION FEE:** Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to approve the phone poll for the Krause Creek grant application fee of \$250.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**MT NATURAL RESOURCES YOUTH CAMP (MNRYS) APPLICATION:** Valerie Kurth reported the district received one application for MNRYS, and noted the parents sent \$100 deposit toward the total \$250 registration fee. Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to pay \$150 registration fee to the MNRYS for Ian McKenzie and reimburse the McKenzie’s for the \$100 deposit.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**COST SHARE – Sibert:** Valerie Kurth reported David Sibert has finished the thinning and weed control and prepped the area for the water tank. He recently broke his leg and cannot continue the project at this time. Discussion held. The cost of the water tank will be added to the next FY budget under the cost-share program.

**OFFICE LEASE:** Valerie Kurth reported the FCD office lease was approved by the building owner Tim Birk and the County Attorney’s office. NRCS is waiting to hear back on their lease renewal. If the NRCS lease is not renewed, the FCD lease will have to be updated. This will be placed on the May business meeting agenda.

**TRUMBULL CREEK SLASH BURNING(Phone Poll)/SEEDING:** Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve the 4/25 phone poll to do the slash burning on Trumbull Creek.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mark stated a follow-up will need to be done in several weeks and seeding needs to be completed.

**MACD FLOODPLAIN RESOLUTION:** Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to have Valerie Kurth send a reminder to MACD that we have provided information regarding 310 projects that have not been undertaken due to floodplain regulations and would like that information to be used for supportive data.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



**MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF**

- **JOB DESCRIPTIONS:** Valerie asked supervisors to submit their comments on the updated job descriptions before the May business meeting. Ronald Buentemeier noted MACO insurance requires the job descriptions to be reviewed by the County Attorney's office.

The next business-meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2016, 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." John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

*Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:*

<u>5/23/2016</u>	<u>Camisha Sawtelle</u>	<u>Secretary/Treasurer</u>
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.)

