



Flathead Conservation District
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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; Mark Siderius, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Board members not in attendance: John Ellis, Supervisor. Absence is excused.

Also in attendance were: Valerie Kurth, Ginger Kauffman and Kari Musgrove, FCD staff; Leo Rosenthal & Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Ray Halloran, Applied Water; Libby Zimmerman, Flathead High School; Lorell Reese; Johna Morrison, Carstens & Assoc.; Dan Tombrink; Danielle Blanc, Somers Middle School; Paul Johannsen; Richard Sauerbier; Ross Holter; Jody Bakker; Laurie Lapan and Anne James, Deer Park School.

MINUTES: Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2015 business-meeting as presented.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice from Flathead County Planning office. Mark Mussman will be the new Planning Director & B.J. Grieve moves to Senior Planner position.
2. DNRC grant application deadlines:
 - Renewable Resource grant - July 1, 2015.
 - 223 grant – July 30, 2015/Oct. 15, 2015/Jan. 15, 2016/April 28, 2016
 - Mini Education grant – July 30, 2015/Oct. 15, 2015/Jan. 15, 2015/April 28, 2016
3. MACD May 28, 2015 issue of “The Montana Conservationist”
4. Whitefish Planning Board meeting Thursday, June 18, 2015, 6:00 P.M.
5. Clean Water Act information www.epa.gov/cleanwaterrule
6. Custer County CD June 2015 newsletter “Conservation Update”
7. DNRC May issue of “Forestry Notes”
8. Madison CD is hosting the Montana Range Tour on September 16 & 17, 2015
Contact www.madisoncd.org or 406-682-3181

FINANCIAL: The following bills were reviewed:

1. Bob Storer \$75.19
2. Byte Savvy \$45.00
3. Flathead Beacon \$1255.50
4. FVCC \$1,000.00
5. Montana State Fund \$414.76
6. Mountain States Leasing – Kalispell \$3,091.12

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No one was present to comment on items not on the agenda.

EDUCATION GRANT REQUESTS:

- Danielle Blanc, Somers Middle School, made a request to the board for native plants & mulch for a native habitat garden.
- Libby Zimmerman, Flathead High School, made a request to the board for water molecule kits for classes studying the molecular structure and interactions of water molecules.
- Carla Belski, Whitefish Legacy Partners, made a request to the board for binoculars, spotting scope, tripod, aquatic net and insect containers for their outdoor educational programs.
- Laurie Lapan, Deer Park School, made a request to the board for school garden supplies.

Laurie Lapan also talked to the board about getting help to rid the school of knapweed infestation. Discussion held. Pete Woll will talk with the Flathead County Weed Dept.

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BAKKER, FL2014028, Swan River, permit extension request: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to approve a one-year permit extension.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EUREKA TOWN PUMP, FL2015016, Stillwater River, bank stabilization/channel alteration: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to send the RDG report to Eureka Town Pump, and the letter regarding item #11 of the permit application specifying type of equipment.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, FL2015020C, Unnamed, complaint: An on-site inspection was set for Friday, June 12, 1:35 PM at the site.

GFY87 LLC, FL2015026, Fish Creek, culvert: An on-site inspection was set for Friday, June 19, 10:00 AM at the site.

HAMILTON FMLY TR., FL2015002C, Flathead River, complaint: An on-site inspection was set for Wednesday, July 15, 9:00 AM at the site.

HOLTER, FL2015022, Flathead River, bank stabilization: An on-site inspection was set for Friday, June 12, 2:45 PM at the site.

HUNNICUTT, FL2015019, Flathead River, bank stabilization/dock: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Pete Woll’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member report.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ILLICH, FL2014033C, Flathead River, complaint: An on-site was set for Wednesday, July 15, 10:30 AM at the site.

KALBFLEISCH, FL2015028, Flathead River-Middle Fork, trim/cut trees/shrubs: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, June 23, 9:45 AM at the site.

MEHL, FL2015027, Stillwater River tributary, irrigation structure: An on-site inspection was set for Friday, June 19, 10:45 AM at the site.

PLUM CREEK TIMBER, FL2015023, Herrig Creek, culvert: An on-site inspection was set for Friday, June 19, 1:00 PM at the Plum Creek office.

PLUM CREEK TIMBER, FL2015024, Pleasant Valley Fisher River tributary, culvert: An on-site inspection was set for Friday, June 19, 1:00 PM at the Plum Creek office.

REESE, FL2015018, Garnier Creek, culvert: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Ronald Buentemeier’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TOMBRINK, FL2015025, Trumbull Creek, bank stabilization: An on-site inspection was set for Friday, June 12, 4:00 PM at the site.

NEW BUSINESS:

318 EXEMPTIONS DISCUSSION: Kenny Breidinger and Leo Rosenthal, MDFW&P, talked with the board about requirements for 318 permits. MDFW&P does the 318 Authorization Review, and if required, the applicant must get a 318 permit from DEQ. Discussion held regarding approaching DEQ about a realistic length for culverts (currently 25’) as it relates to programmatic Environmental Assessments. Leo Rosenthal will do some research and bring information back to the board.

KELLEY 310 TECHINCAL REVIEW: Valerie Kurth reported RDG had done a technical review for the Kelley project, however, DNRC never paid the invoice. DNRC was contacted and will pay, however only the original estimate of \$1030. The invoice is for \$1257.50, creating a shortfall of \$227.50. Discussion held. Camisha Sawtelle made a motion “to pay the remaining balance from RDG Inv #RDG-14-088 in the amount of \$227.50.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously. RDG will be contacted to submit an invoice to the district.

ASHLEY CREEK SAMPLING: Dean Sirucek reported that during the last TMDL meeting it was noted that DEQ will be doing additional sampling on Ashley Creek, and they need partners to help make landowner contacts and do sampling. Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to have Valerie Kurth assist DEQ with the Ashley Creek site access contact process.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CAMP SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to approve camp sponsorship requests from Ian McKenzie & Elaina Gerner in the amount of \$200, and to reimburse the McKenzies the \$100 already paid in for Natural Resource Youth Camp.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BROCHURE: Kari Musgrove made a request to the board to have the Flathead Beacon re-design the FCD brochure. Cost would be \$315.00 for 1000 copies plus design work; or \$35 for design work only. Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to stay with the existing brochure.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF

- Budget Meeting, Thursday, June 18, 9:00 AM
- Personnel issues

The next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2015, 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.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

6/22/2015 Ronald Buentemeier Chairman
(Date) (Signature) (Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.)