

Flathead Conservation District 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901

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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.

<u>Board members present</u>: 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 & Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Leo Rosenthal & Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Kevin Iverson; Dalen Iverson; Roxy Iverson; John Snyder, The Dock Store; Aaron Claussen, Flathead Lakers; Olaf Ervin.

MINUTES: Mark Siderius made a motion "to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2015, business meeting as presented." Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. Information from DNRC regarding health insurance payment option.
- 2. Rosebud & Big Horn CDs March 2015 newsletter "Conservation Connection"
- 3. Email: Flathead National Forest request for comments on the proposed action for the revised Forest Plan. http://www.fs.usda.gov
- 4. Email from Stacy Schmidt, MT FW&P Lab Manager: Notice regarding shipping of samples to the Montana Aquatic Invasive Species Laboratory, which will be processing plankton samples for veliger (zebra/quagga mussel) detection in May 2015.
- 5. March 4 issue of "The Montana Conservationist"
- 6. Notice: Whitefish City Planning board will conduct a board training on March 19.
- 7. February 2015 "Forestry Notes"
- 8. The Montana Watershed Coordination Council (MWCC) Water Activities Work Group spring meeting March 26, 2015, Room 11, of the DEQ Metcalf building in Helena.
- 9. February 28, 2015 issue of MACD's "News from the Front"
- 10. Montana Aquatic Invasive Species grant applications are due March 2. Contact: http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/AIS/AISGrant.asp or shester@mt.gov
- 11. McCone CD spring 2015 newsletter "Conservation News"
- 12. Custer CD spring 2015 newsletter "Conservation Update"
- 13. DNRC \$500 mini education grant applications due April 30, 2015. Contact Linda Brand
- 14. Flathead County Planning board workshop, March 11, 2015, regarding planning/Whitefish.
- 15. Gallatin CD probate workshop March 3. Contact Michael@gallatincd.org

FINANCIAL: The following bills were reviewed:

- 1. Byte Savvy \$45.00
- 2. Daily Interlake \$500.00
- 3. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
- 4. Mountain States Leasing Kalispell \$1545.56

Pete Woll made a motion "to approve the bills as presented." Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Olaf Ervin, a local land surveyor, stated he is working with landowners on Wagner Lane on a bank stabilization project. The landowners are losing enough bank that water is coming close to a septic system. A comprehensive engineering design is still needed, which does not allow enough time to submit a 310-application before the water comes up this spring. An application for a stabilization system with several types of techniques will be submitted for "next season". As a "temporary fix" they want to slope the bank back, pull material away from the water, cover the slope with engineering fabric and use silt fencing. Mr. Ervin asked if anything could be done soon as the water will be up in about 6 weeks. Discussion held. The board informed Mr. Ervin a 310 application could be submitted for the March 23rd business meeting; and an on-site inspection was set for Friday, March 13, 9:00 A.M. at Wagner Lane. Mr. Ervin was reminded that other permits would have to be applied for also.

(310: Listed Alphabetically. This order may change):

DIXON/GOLDBERG, FL2015004, Whitefish River, dock: An on-site inspection was set for Wednesday, March 18, 8:30 A.M. at the overflow parking lot at Whitefish City Beach.

HAMILTON FMLY TR., FL2015002C, Flathead River, complaint: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion "to table until the weather is better, and the site is viewable." Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ILLICH, FL2014033C, Flathead River, complaint: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion "to table until the weather is better, and the site is viewable." Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IVERSON, FL2015006, Flathead River, remove trees/slope bank/dock: An on-site inspection was set for Friday, March 13, 11:00 A.M. at the site.

OLIVO, FL2014055C, Crystal Creek, complaint: An on-site inspection was set for Wednesday, March 18, 1:45 P.M. at the site.

O'NEIL FAMILY/HARTMAN, FL2015005, Brown Creek, irrig. Diversion: Ronald Buentemeier excused himself from the table, and sat in the audience. He explained last year the owner (MT Forest Products) received permit #FL2014006, however, only 2 of the 4 sites had been constructed, and the permit had expired. The O'Neil Family now owns the property and wants to construct the last 2 sites. Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion "to approve the application as submitted. The on-site inspection is waived with concurrence by FWP. Terms and conditions are the same as in permit #FL2014006." Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ronald Buentemeier abstained from voting and returned to the table.

SCOTT, FL2015007, Flathead River, dock: An on-site inspection was set for Wednesday, March 18, 10:30 AM at the FCD office, 10:40 A.M. at the site.

ZIEHL, FL2013063, Swan River, dock & pathway/permit ext. request: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion "to approve a one-year permit extension." Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

BMP'S DISCUSSION: Verdell Jackson asked if the board would be interested in producing a supplemental pamphlet or brochure for best management practices (BMP's) along streams.

Discussion held regarding DNRC BMP brochures, landowner workshops, and the Flathead CD Work Plan. Mark Siderius stated the district already has adopted rules (AR's), and voiced concern that people might confuse BMP's with the AR's. Mark noted the Montana Logging Association holds BMP SMZ (stream side management zone) classes every spring, which anyone can attend. Ronald Buentemeier asked Valerie Kurth to contact Dave Martin, DNRC. No action taken.

310 ADMINISTRATIVE GR CDA-15-1696 AMENDMENT: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion "to approve the amendment to 310 Administrative grant #CDA-15-1696." Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF 6-MONTH EVALUATION: Discussion held. Pete Woll reported Valerie Kurth's 6-month evaluation was completed 1/30/2015, and was favorable. Pete Woll made a motion "to take Valerie Kurth off of the 6-month probationary period." Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LOGO: The board reviewed 4 logo designs submitted by the Flathead Beacon. Valerie Kurth stated 3 changes can be made to the design chosen. Discussion held. One design was chosen, the board noted changes they wanted made, and asked that the updated logo design be brought back to the March business meeting for further review.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF

- Annual Financial Report ending June 2014
- Forest Plan revisions
- Weed Workshop
- Thank-you letter to Tim Birk

The next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2015, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

ADJOURNMENT: Camisha Sawtelle made a motion "to adjourn." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:		
3/23/2015	Ronald Buentemeier	Chairman
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.)