



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; 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 FMYL 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.

