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**CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE:** Vice-Chairman Pete Woll called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

**Board members present:** 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.

**Board members not in attendance:** Ronald Buentemeier, Chairman. Absence is excused.

Also in attendance were: Valerie Kurth, Ginger Kauffman and Kari Musgrove, FCD staff; Leo Rosenthal & Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Mary Kreps; Bill Vergin; Lloyd Waller; David Cheff; John Hanson; Jim Cameron; Jamie Stark, Lincoln Electric; Roger Noble; Dale Hardy; Aaron Clausen, MFW&P.

**MINUTES:** Discussion held. Camisha Sawtelle made a motion “to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2015 business meeting as presented.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Whitefish Planning Board September 17 meeting notice, and October 15, 2015 meeting agenda.
2. Notice: FWP Bison EIS comment period closed 9/11/2015.
3. McCone CD comment letter to MT FWP re: bison
4. Madison CD is sponsoring the 2015 Montana Range Tour, September 16-17, Contact 406-682-3181.
5. Rosebud CD is sponsoring a Soil Health workshop & Ag Expo in Forsyth, December 2-3, contact [www.rosebudcd.com](http://www.rosebudcd.com)
6. Custer CD September newsletter “Conservation Update”
7. Notice: The next Haskill Basin Watershed Council meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2015, in the Riverside Plaza second floor conference room, Whitefish.
8. Thank-you from Flathead County Fairgrounds for being a vendor at the 2015 NW MT Fair.
9. DNRC “Notes for September”
10. The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee field “Pipeline Safety” hearing is scheduled for Friday, September 18, 10:00 AM at MSU, Billings.
11. Article in 9/13 Daily Interlake on Flathead River Commission
12. Notice from MACD, Dwight Crawford & Pete Woll are up for election to the MACD board. If any CD supervisors are interested in running, contact MACD prior to the Area V meeting.

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

1. Byte Savvy \$45.00
2. Flathead Beacon \$845.00
3. Lincoln CD \$120.00
4. MontanaSky Networks \$20.00
5. Mountain States Leasing – Kalispell \$1545.56
6. SWCDMI \$265.30
7. Flathead Beacon \$315.00

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

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

**FWP AIS PROTOCOL DISCUSSION:** Discussion held on FWP Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) protocol in 124 permits. An email from Jim Darling noted that FWP does not have authority to impose similar conditions on 310 permits issued by CD’s, and that the 310 Committee addressed AIS by including language in the Joint Application instructions and form. Further discussion held regarding mandatory stops at AIS check stations and the importance of equipment being cleaned.

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**BIGFORK VENTURES**, FL2015040, Swan River, bank stabilization: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per drawings received 8/24/2015, and per Pete Woll’s and Leo Rosenthal’s team member reports.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**FLATHEAD RV RANCH**, FL2015048, Flathead River, bank stabilization: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Ronald Buentemeier’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**FORREST**, FL2015050, Evers Creek, utilities: An on-site inspection was set for Thursday, September 17, 10:00 AM at the site.

**HANSON**, FL2015054, Sickler Creek, dredge: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, September 29, 9:00 AM at the site.

**HARDY**, FL2015051, Stillwater River, bank stabilization: An on-site inspection was set for Friday, October 9, 8:45 AM at the site.

**JOHNSON**, FL2015044, Fisher River, culverts: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, October 13, 10:30 AM at the site.

**MEHL**, FL2015027, Stillwater River trib., irrigation structure/permit modif. : Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to approve the permit modification request submitted 8/4/2015 per Verdell Jackson’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**NOBLE**, FL2015053, Bowser Spring Creek, irrigation structure: An on-site inspection was set for Thursday, September 17, 1:00 PM at the site. *Note: The on-site inspection was re-scheduled for Monday, September 28, 9:00 AM at the site.*

**NORTHERN RIDGEBACK**, FL2015043, Abbot Creek, road/culvert: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Mark Siderius & Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLSON**, FL2015046, Swan River, dock/walkway: An on-site was set for Thursday, October 1, 10:30 AM at the site. *Note: The on-site inspection was re-scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 10:30 AM at the site.*

**OURS LAND**, FL2015047, Flathead River, bank stabil/stairs/ramp/dock: An on-site inspection was set for Thursday, October 1, 9:00 AM at the site. *Note: The on-site inspection was re-scheduled for Monday, September 21, 9:00 AM at the site.*

**SIDERIUS**, FL2015055, Ashley Creek, fencing/water gap: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, September 29, 1:00 PM at FWP.

**VARDELL**, FL2015042, Whitefish River, tree removal: Discussion held. Camisha Sawtelle made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Camisha Sawtelle’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**VERGIN**, FL201505, Ashley Creek, bridge: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, September 29, 2:30 PM at the scales.

**WILTSE**, FL2015049, Unnamed, culvert: An on-site inspection was set for Thursday, October 1, 9:30 AM at the site. *Note: The on-site inspection was re-scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 9:30 AM at the site.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**TEAM MEMBER REPORTS:** Discussion held regarding Supervisors & FWP team member reports. FWP will submit their reports with comments and the 318 Authorization Review. Supervisors will submit their reports with comments and points that are to be included in the permit.

**TRUMBULL CREEK:** Mark Siderius reported he, Valerie Kurth & Kenny Breidinger stopped at the Sapa & Feenan properties to view District project on Trumbull Creek. There are issues at the bridge site - debris under the bridge & silt deposited on the lower side of the bridge. Mark is contacting permitting agencies. Discussion held. This will be added to the business meeting agenda.

**KRAUSE CREEK GRANT SPONSORSHIP:** Valerie Kurth updated the board on issues related to the possible submittal of a RRGL Watershed Planning grant application. Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion to sponsor the Krause Creek grant.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMPUTER UPDATES:** Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “to approve \$250 for computer hardware upgrades, and to approve the phone poll to purchase a laptop computer.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**FY 2015/2016 BUDGET:** Final budget figures were reviewed, and discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the final FY 2015/2016 budget.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF**

- Articles in local newspapers
- Area V meeting
- Restoration Tour, October 1, at the Diamond B & Storer properties
- 310’s on Business meeting agendas
- PLT Workshop radio spots

The next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28, 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.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

*Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:*

\_\_9/28/2015\_\_ \_\_Ronald Buentemeier\_\_ \_\_Chairman\_\_  
(Date) (Signature) (Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.)