

FLATHEAD BASIN COMMISSION

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

July 8, 2020

AGENDA

10:00 AM	Welcome, Introductions, Confirm Quorum New members: Kurt Steele (Flathead National Forest); Lech Naumovich (Flathead Conservation District); Myla Kelly (DEQ)	Rich Janssen, CSKT (Chair)
10:10 AM	Discussion/approval of <i>DRAFT 2/19/20 Minutes</i>	Kate Wilson, FBC staff
10:15 AM	What Have Staff Been Up To? Activities/Events; Budget and Grants; Projects, E&O Committee proposal, By-law updates/announcements	Kate Wilson; Cassidy Bender, FBC staff
10:45 AM	What Should We Expect From the 2021 Legislative Session? Planning for the Upcoming Session; Agency/Legislature Updates	Mark Bostrom, DNRC
10:55 AM	How Is the Stormwater Project Going? Presentation of Work Plan for Stormwater Project	Emilie Henry, Big Sky Watershed Corps; Casey Lewis, City of Kalispell
11:05 AM	How is the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Committee Progressing? Committee Approach & Timeline. Legislative and Local Municipal Connections & Needs. GIS Mapping Project & Discussion of Municipal Needs	Ed Lieser, FBC Vice Chair; Mike Koopal, Whitefish Lake Institute/FBC; Ryan Richardson, River Design Group
11:45 AM	ACTIONS/VOTING: FY21 Budget Discussion/Approval; Executive Committee Member at Large election (and announcement of election for Chair and Vice Chair at 9/23 meeting)	Rich Janssen, Kate Wilson
11:55 PM	Public Comment	Rich Janssen
12:00 PM	Wrap Up & Adjournment Next Meeting Dates/Locations, Sept 23, 2020 POLSON (tentative in person)	Rich Janssen; Kate Wilson

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting/ Project Name:		Flathead Basin Commission	
Date of Meeting:	July 8th, 2020	Time:	10am-12pm
Minutes Prepared By:	Cassidy Bender	Location:	Virtual-Zoom/Call in
List of Acronyms			
AIS	Aquatic invasive species	FBC	Flathead Basin Commission
BOR	US Bureau of Reclamation	FLBS	Flathead Lake Biological Station
BPA	Bonneville Power Administration	FWP	Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
BSWC	Big Sky Watershed Corps (AmeriCorps program)	GNP	Glacier National Park
CEMIST	Central Eastern MT Invasive Species Team	MCWD	Missoula County Weed District
CFC	Clark Fork Coalition	NPS	National Park Service
CRB	Columbia River Basin	NRCS	Natural Resource Conservation Service
CRC	Clearwater Resource Council	UC ³	Upper Columbia Conservation Commission
CSKT	Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes	UCLN	Upper Columbia Lakes Network
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	USACE	US Army Corps of Engineers
DNRC	Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation	USFS	US Forest Service
eDNA	Environmental DNA	USFWS	US Fish & Wildlife Service
E & O	Education & Outreach	WLI	Whitefish Lake Institute
EPA	US Environmental Protection Agency	WRDA	Water Resources Development Act
EQC	Environmental Quality Council (Interim)	WRP	Western Regional Panel
1. Welcome and Introductions			
Rich Janssen (Chair)	Welcome. Rich opened the meeting. Confirmed quorum present (for voting purposes).		
Introductions (Roundtable)	Each participant introduced themselves including name, location and organization/interest that they are representing.		
2. Attendees			
<p>FBC (voting members underlined): <u>Rich Janssen</u> (CSKT), <u>Mike Koopal</u> (Whitefish Lake Institute/UC³), <u>Randy Brodehl</u> (Flathead County Commission), Mark Bostrom (DNRC Helena), <u>Jack Potter</u> (Governor-appointed member), Myla Kelly (DEQ), <u>Kurt Steele</u> (USFS), Kate Wilson (DNRC/FBC & UC³ Commission Administrator), <u>Ed Lieser</u> (Flathead Basin Commission), <u>Kathy Olsen</u> (DNRC Kalispell), <u>Casey Lewis</u> (City of Kalispell), Cassidy Bender (DNRC/FBC & UC³ Commission Coordinator), <u>Jeff Mow</u> (NPS Glacier National Park), <u>Steve Frye</u> (Governor Appointed), <u>Jim Simpson</u> (Lake County Conservation District), Jim Williams (Montana FWP), Mark Reller (BPA), <u>Dave Stipe</u> (Lake County Commissioner), <u>Lech Naumovich</u> (Flathead Conservation District), Jason Gildea (EPA)</p> <p>Absent: Jasmine Courville-Brown; Patrick Holmes, Dennis Philmon</p> <p>Public/Other: Rickey Schultz (HDR Engineering), Tom Bansak (FLBS), Phil Matson (FLBS), Jim Elser (FLBS), Abigail St. Lawrence (Attorney), Dean Sirucek (FCD), Emilie Henry (BSWC, City of Kalispell), Valerie Kurth (MT DNRC), Erin Sexton (FLBS), Megan Wampler (FLBS), Ryan Richardson (River Design Group)</p>			
3. Agenda and Notes, Decisions, Issues			
Presenter	Topic/Discussion		
Kate Wilson, Commission Administrator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to the Flathead Basin Commission's three new members. 		

<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Myla Kelly has been delegated to replace Tim Davis for DEQ. Myla manages water quality standards and modeling programs at DEQ and works closely with monitoring and TMDL staff. ○ Kurt Steele is the new Flathead National Forest Supervisor (replacing Chip Weber). He started his position in January, previously in Region 1, the Nez Perce National Forest as well as a short time in the Bitterroot National Forest. Forestry, Fish & Wildlife background, active in fire as well. ○ Lech Naumovich is replacing Dean Sirucek as the Flathead Conservation District representative/supervisor. Lech has training as a landscape and restoration ecologist with botanical work throughout the west. ● <u>Motion</u> to approve minutes from February 19th, 2020 meeting (Jim Simpson.) Seconded (Randy Brodehl.). All in favor. <i>Motion passes.</i> ● Overview of Agenda: Minutes, Staff Report (Budget, Grants, Projects), Agency Updates/Legislative Planning, Stormwater Project, Onsite Wastewater Treatment Committee.
<p>Staff updates/Budgets</p> <p>Kate Wilson, Commission Administrator</p>	<p>Staff Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kate and Cassidy split their time 50/50 with FBC and UC³ and are both working (mostly) remotely due to COVID-19. ● Notable activities: Meeting follow up and planning; Executive Committee planning and participation; support septic leachate committee and tech subcommittee; support stormwater project with City of Kalispell shared Big Sky Watershed member; support UC³ and FWP on AIS; monitoring Flathead Basin natural resource issues; grant and budget management (writing, reporting, tracking); follow legislative committees on topics of interest including the Local Government Interim Committee; Crown Managers Partnership steering committee (represent both Commissions); North American Invasive Species Management Association (board member, conference chair); PNWER co-chair of invasive species working group; County Assist Team (CAT) Public Information Officer & Liaison Officer; Western Regional Panel (chair of Fire AIS protocol committee); etc. ● Upcoming Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local Government Interim Committee Meeting-July 15th: Virtual/Helena (Ed will be presenting on the septic committee progress) ○ Environmental Quality Council- July 29th/30th: Virtual/Helena ○ Pend Oreille Basin Commission- Aug/Sept: Sandpoint, ID ○ UC³ Fall Meeting- TBD/Oct: Virtual ○ Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) Conference rescheduled for August 2021: Big Sky, MT ○ Western Regional Panel (WRP)- Sept 16th-18th: Virtual ○ North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA)-Oct 6th-8th: Virtual (hold in Missoula, Montana Sept 2021) <p>Budget & Finances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FY20 Personnel: \$55,536/\$77,000 expended ● FY20 Operating: \$22,635/\$41,000 expended <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$20,175 (annual base budget) + \$20,000 (addition One-Time-Only) ○ Expended on: member travel, meetings, FBC materials, staff/office supplies, projects, sponsorships ○ Approved Line Item Budget (FY20): \$40,175 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$6,000 Member Travel/Meetings ▪ \$12,000 Website/Materials (pop up display, educational materials) ▪ \$3,000 Development/Printing of Annual Report ▪ \$6,000 Crown Managers Partnership, NAISMA, MT Water Summit

Mark Bostrom, DNRC

- **\$13,175** Other Projects/Contingency

- Notes on remaining balance: COVID cancellations of meetings, events, travel and activities. Delay to projects/orders and Cassidy started in January so only half of personnel for her position was used. Can accrue to contracts for FY21.

Sources of Funding FY21

- Natural Resources Operating Fund FY21:
 - **\$40,000**- base budget & one-time-only requested to be permanent (for total of \$40k operating budget)
 - **\$77,000**- personal services (staff salary, benefits- split with UC³) *FY20 balance to go to Windfall contract & Natural Resource Operations shortfall
- Natural Resources Operating Fund FY20:
 - **\$15,000**- accrual from FY20 (windfall contract- website & campaign development)
- Federal: **EPA Multipurpose State and Tribal Assistance Grant**
 - Established environmental statutes. Agencies/Tribes that co-regulate/administer federal environmental statutes
 - DNRC/FBS connection - Nonpoint Source Management (Clean Water Act)
 - **\$33,306/\$44,895** (includes DNRC indirect subtracted)
 - Signed agreement March 2020. Portion of BSWC position and projects
 - **New!** Opportunity for additional ~\$23k (GIS contract, septic leachate research, state-owned lands layer, potential temp writer, etc.)

Notes and Discussion

- Sponsorship is higher in FY20 than normal because the conferences were planned to be in MT so we were providing enhanced support. But all postponed - will now be transferred to the conferences in 2021 with the added perk of advertising for year.
- All our (state) funding comes from the natural resource operations (NRO) account, whose funding sources (oil & gas) are very low right now. We (DNRC) must come up with that shortfall. The plan is to move remaining balance from the FBC personal services to pay for shortfall.
- The funds not used for FY20 budget (~\$15,000) because of COVID will be accrued to our existing contract with Windfall to build a new website, etc. and should not impact the FY21 operations budget.
- Federal EPA grant is covering most of Emilie's stormwater project for 2 years; we are in the process of applying for a MWCC grant towards the second year of this project.
- Half of our operating budget has been 'One-Time-Only' (OTO) for the biennium. Now requested as 'permanent' funding and is going through the Executive Planning Process (EPP). The good track record will help by showing consistent management of that money for past few years.
- New EPA grant to cover the GIS mapping project/contract but will only cover expenses from the date we get the grant agreement signed (no retroactive expenses). We will need to cover more of contract with our operating budget.

Natural Resource Operations Account Overview- Mark Bostrom

- The appropriation across all state agencies was \$6.1M. Oil revenues came in about \$1M lower than projected. The agencies will have to make up for that short fall: State Library, DEQ and DNRC.
- DEQ gets 72% of that appropriation. DNRC is about 20% (\$202,000 for biennium).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This breaks down further among the divisions: largest consumer of the funding is the director’s office, then CARDD (which includes FBC), Water Resources, Forestry and Trust Lands Division. • For the biennium, the CARDD projection is \$22,900 (for each year) in shortfall. We asked the FBC to have a reduction in this year’s funding (FY20). But Kate has been working on a way to avoid this by accruing the balance of operating for Windfall contract and we can put the savings in personnel services (~\$21k) to account for this shortfall w/o compromising operating funds for FY21. • For FY21 shortfall (likely similar), we want to make sure FBC is whole/covered as much as possible and will use CARDD for the rest if possible. <p>Proposed FY21 Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15,000 Septic Leachate Contract (to date), study and/or water quality monitoring to verify model <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1) Tech. subcommittee discussing options e.g. synthetic DNA, drones, thermal studies, nearshore monitoring, etc. ○ 2) build layer of state-owned/managed lands and facilities; and/or ○ 3) support SWCDM 319 grant project (potentially augment) • \$8,000 Education & Outreach, Water Quality Campaign, Biennial Report, Outreach Materials • \$5,000 Member travel and meetings • \$5,000 Conference/Meeting Sponsorships: Crown Managers Partnership, NAISMA, MT Water Summit, etc. • \$3,000 Stormwater Project (2nd year) • \$2,000 Staff Supplies/Travel • \$2,000 Other Projects/Contingency • \$40,000 Total Operating Budget
<p>Mark Bostrom, DNRC</p> <p>Agency & Legislative Updates</p>	<p>Other Agency Updates and Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing with OPP and the Director changes to the state revolving fund law and water pollution control revolving fund. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EPA administered program: states are given an allotment of funds that they loan out to communities for waste water systems and drinking systems. ○ Fund is just shy of \$1B ○ EPA may be delayed by shutdowns of government. We are looking for bonds to cover periods when the federal government might be delayed. • Irrigation district law: irrigation districts have limited ability to incur debt to update/improve their systems. We are figuring out of a way for them to incur debt to improve the systems and have it paid back by the irrigation district members. • County debt issuance: a lot of the communities that are beginning to have issues that have unincorporated cities, counties do not have the ability to do debt issuances that a sewer improvement district would have. Going forward we would involve/reach out to the commissioners. • Sage Grouse funding runs out at the end of this fiscal year, will have to figure out how to keep that going.
<p>Emilie Henry, Big Sky Watershed Corps; Kate Wilson</p>	<p>Introduction: Kate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our BSWC member, Emilie’s, position is funded primarily by the EPA grant. Grant Components (2020-2022) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Big Sky Watershed Corps (partial, 2 years) ○ Stormwater Monitoring & Inventory Project

<p>Big Sky Watershed Corps Member Activities & Outreach Project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education & Outreach: Rain Garden Initiative; Adopt-a-Drain program; Flathead watershed/stormwater curriculum; organize local river clean up event(s) ○ Utilize City of Kalispell as a Pilot for Dry-Weather Inspection of Outfalls <p>Project Updates: Emilie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gathering stormwater infrastructure data for the urban and semi urban areas in the Flathead Basin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete datasets for Kalispell & Whitefish ○ Incomplete datasets for Columbia Falls, Hungry Horse, Coram, Lakeside, Bigfork & Evergreen ○ Expecting to receive data for Columbia Falls who is gathering their own stormwater data this summer (should receive by the fall) ○ Expecting to collect data for Polson, Evergreen, Lakeside, and Hungry Horse/Coram in the coming months ● Data Collection Campaign: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Soliciting volunteers to locate and characterize catch basins, storm manholes, and outfalls in urban areas of the Basin where the data is lacking. ○ Starting with Polson and Evergreen in August. Figuring out how catch basins are connected and to which outfalls they are running. ● Sampling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Collected one sample in the beginning of May ○ Sampling the first flush during daylight hours is difficult and very rare- will likely be difficult to get the 4 samples before November following this methodology ○ May have to change the methodology to get these samples safely. Even if we must tweak the methods, we can still see what the weather was like during these events and interpret the data appropriately. ○ Created weather tracker to document weather in Kalispell, Whitefish, and Columbia Falls ● Rain Garden Initiative: Working with the Flathead Conservation District <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Created resources to help homeowners plan their own gardens, including pre-made designs and native plants list ○ Have been working closely with homeowners to plan, design, and build rain gardens in Flathead County <p>Discussion/Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mike: Emilie is doing a great job. Question for Kate/Casey: Is the partnership for BSWC going to continue in the following years? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emilie is in Kalispell and Casey is the supervisor, but we share hosting and funding responsibilities, we have funding for next year and Casey has been working on the MWCC grant application to cover the balance not covered by EPA grant (\$3600).
<p>Ed Lieser, FBC Vice Chair; Mike Koopal, Whitefish Lake Institute/FBC; Kate Wilson; Ryan Richardson, RDG</p> <p>Onsite Wastewater Treatment Committee updates</p>	<p>Onsite Wastewater Treatment Committee Update (Ed Lieser)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Large committee with participation from the state, municipal, advocacy/lobbyists, concerned citizens, (26+) ● Meet roughly monthly and we identified data needs early on. Have entered a 2-year contract through the RFP process for a GIS mapping project with River Design Group. ● Septic leachate was the highest priority for the FBC based on our strategic planning. We were engaged and involved in a study bill that was sponsored by Senator Fred Thomas from the Bitterroot on alternative septic systems. While our language was not included in the study bill, Rep. Fern was able to include it at the Local Government Interim Committee level that was assigned the study.

- **Goals & Objectives of the committee established:**
 - Increase participant knowledge of existing standards and processes for onsite wastewater systems in Montana and in other jurisdictions.
 - Participate in and make recommendations to the Local Government Interim Committee (via Flathead Basin Commission) for effective onsite wastewater treatment systems.
 - Work with local partners and regulatory authorities to ensure participation and engagement in process, development of products/materials and recommendations.
 - Identify any knowledge gaps, data needs and/or barriers to onsite wastewater system processes, implementation and functionality.
 - Explore options for increasing performance and sustainability of on-site wastewater treatment systems in the state, standards, incentives, and funding opportunities.
 - Identify emerging solutions and appropriate compliance mechanisms.
 - Develop and provide report with recommendations for approaches or actions related to onsite wastewater treatment systems to the Flathead Basin Commission for consideration.
 - Encourage the Flathead Basin Commission to provide public forum on committee findings and recommendation(s).
 - Seek more information on septage/land application requirements and practices. Ensure that any proposed recommendations acknowledge/address any potential septage issues.

- **Solutions/Recommendations Survey** (Kate Wilson)
 - 19 committee members participated in recommendations/solutions survey
 - A detailed report of survey results is in process but summary included here
 - We will use these results to better flush out the specific details (current conditions, economic impacts, short/med/long term approach, additional research needed, etc.) associated with each approach. This will help inform the Committee report, which will include a detailed analysis of each option.
 - See rankings of approaches below (by committee participants):



- There has not been a request or support for a statewide legislative change so at this point we are still investigating what the different approaches might be and the current status, support, legislation, funding, training, etc. of the potential changes vs current septic permitting and growth planning programs and policies.

- We are close to presenting to county commissioners and sanitarians, boards of health, planning and zoning, etc. in the basin. We opened the conversation with the municipal/tribal committee members for advice on how (and who) best to approach in terms of leadership with the goal of making them aware of effort/tools and learning more about their needs/concerns related to water quality and/or septic leachate/sewer issues in the basin.
- Ed Lieser presented to the Local Government Interim Committee on 7/1/20 with a slidedeck and notes prepared by staff regarding the FBC Committee work, survey findings and high level recommendations.

Technical Subcommittee Update (Mike Koopal)

- The Onsite Wastewater Treatment Committee created a ‘technical subcommittee’ to review reports that have been done on septic systems in the basin, discuss GIS model data/approach, and compare research/study proposals to validate/confirm the results of the model.
- They have been discussing the needs for different studies (such as Dr. Walters from Cornell on synthetic DNA testing + Tom Bansak at FLBS research on remote sensing and thermal imaging, eDNA), etc. The subcommittee will be weighing the options and providing a recommendation to FBC on which studies most valuable in pursuing.
- Kate and Cassidy are working to put together an annotated bibliography of research conducted in basin/state

GIS Mapping Project Update (Ryan Richardson)

- Pretty early on it was apparent that we didn’t have a handle on where in the valley the problems were and the characteristics that contribute to the leachate issue
- Ryan’s background in GIS has contributed to the existing data; he has created a way to make that data digestible in the GIS Risk Map
- First step was Flathead County because they already have a robust existing GIS database for septic permits. Identify existing age, distribution, and density in the basin. Then increase our committee’s understanding of how this problem persists spatially within Flathead County.
- This is a legacy problem, as we move further out from installation the problem will begin to grow. Chart included showing that in 10 years from now roughly 50% of the existing systems will be in the very high-risk section of the age chart.
- There is a distinct rise and fall of the installation/permitting of septic systems over the years based on the economic booms
- Individual risk factors:
 - Soil Suitability or soil treatment risk with help from Dean S. and Eric R.
 - Groundwater Layer
 - Slope
 - Surface Water
- These four factors are combined into a Physical Risk Model, which demonstrates the potential risk for septic treatment failure based on the physical conditions of the site
- Lends itself to be helpful for future planning and development and identifying areas where failure is likely
- Existing Data Needs:
 - Septic permit database (Lake County & CSKT)
 - Groundwater depth (GWIC database)
 - Soil survey data (NRCS)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project is on going with a timeline that is dependent on the data acquisition and processing. Phase 2 will include the same layers and development process as Phase 1 (as long as data is available from Lake Co and CSKT). <p>Discussion/Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we expand this tool to include the whole Flathead Reservation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If that is something the commission decides is beneficial, we can pursue, but will need more funding for GIS contract. ○ This work is valuable across the entire state, there are other watersheds where this is a major issue ○ This could be picked up and become a consideration for counties and work to strengthen our survey recommendations • Goal is to not just have a set of pretty maps. But have a spatial database for counties and communities to look at the physical risk of permitting. It will be available to share with anyone interested. • What is the existing funding for this funding and how far will that funding be able to go with this project? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Existing funding in contract is \$24,800. We have a 2-year contract with RDG and will have no problem spending the rest of the funding. We could explore state or federal grants for future phases, and potentially augment contract. • This is almost like a TMDL for groundwater because it's showing the loading of the soils and the concept of loading to groundwater is not something that is regulated by the EPA • This is incredible work. Sensitivity analysis: As your weighting these different factors and parameters, do you feel comfortable that the high nitrogen and high phosphorus is also at three (0-3)? Have we thought about ground-truthing for specific nutrient loading at sites? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have not completed a sensitivity analysis, every layer right now is relatively equal in weighting. Pulling Eric R (DEQ) and Deans' knowledge and building it into the model. There is a lot of literature used to develop the recommendations. There are also areas of uncertainty whenever you are doing modeling; we will go into that within the final report of the project. • Suggestion of possible coordination between projects that we are not tapping into yet. Stormwater and the septic leachate systems are something that we can possibly combine for effectiveness and efficiency. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overlap between septic leachate and stormwater conditions and soil conditions; if there is a high-risk area for septic leachate and it does not have quality stormwater infrastructure then you could have multiplied septic and stormwater leachate in your waterbodies. ○ This could build into our general water quality education & outreach campaign idea (non-point source outreach). • Anyone who is interested in furthering participation with this issue is welcome to join the onsite wastewater committee. Contact Kate or Cassidy to do so.
<p>Kate Wilson</p> <p>Business Items</p>	<p>Remaining Commission Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remaining actions to resolve: FY21 Budget; E&O Committee; member at large on the Executive Committee, Public Comment & Adjourn • Creation of an Education and Outreach Campaign & Committee: there is a lack of a comprehensive water quality campaign for the state (Protect Our Waters for AIS, Keep Tahoe Blue examples).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We need to collaborate with partners and talk more about these non-point source pollution issues and get these messages out more to communities and individuals ○ Committee members do not need to be commission members apart from the chair – volunteers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is value in creating a collective voice for the whole Flathead Basin, there is power in FBC taking the lead on messaging that can be conducted basin-wide. ▪ Jim S. (FWP) offering Dillon Tabish as a great resource ▪ Myla K. will work with DEQ staff to find someone that would be a good fit for the committee as well ○ <u>Motion</u> to create an Education & Outreach Committee with Lech N. and Casey L. as co-chairs (Mike). Seconded (Ed). All in favor. <i>Motion passes.</i> ● The executive committee needs a new member as Dean S. has retired. The ‘ExComm’ meets every two weeks and provides staff guidance and input on moving forward with details of ongoing projects (~45 min – 1 hr in length) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current executive committee: Rich, Mike, Ed, Kathy, staff and one vacancy ○ <u>Motion</u> to add Casey Lewis as newest member of the Executive Committee (Ed). Seconded (Kathy). All in favor. <i>Motion passes.</i> ● Next commission meeting is September 23rd, 2020. We are tentatively scheduled for the KwaTaqNuk Resort and Casino in Polson with a tour of the Dam, we will also have a hybrid option for that meeting if it remains to be an in-person meeting. ● Recommendation to clean up language of the by-laws for chair and vice chair language. We will need to have an election for the chair and vice chair at that meeting. ● FY21 budget was amended to change the septic leachate line item. Amended by increasing \$5,000 to the septic leachate line item and decreasing funds from the stormwater project and staff supplies/travel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Motion</u> to approve FY21 amended Budget (Randy). Seconded (Jack). All in favor. <i>Motion passes.</i>
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None
Kate Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Motion</u> to adjourn (Ed). Seconded (Myla). All in favor. <i>Motion passes.</i>
Wrap up & Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting adjourned at 12:11pm.

4. Action Items				
Action		Assigned	Due Date	Status
1	Send out draft minutes	Kate Wilson Cassidy Bender	7/30/2020	Completed
2	Next meeting dates, location and logistics	Kate Wilson	8/15/2020	Completed
3	Provide list of conferences/sponsorships/organizations for executive committee for FY21 (\$3k available)	Kate Wilson Cassidy Bender	9/23/2020	In progress
EXISTING ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS				
4	Draft list of potential meeting topics for FBC	Kate Wilson	8/1/2020	In progress
5	Draft joint UC ³ letter on AIS importance/partnerships. Exec Comm to approve before submitting to local papers.	Kate Wilson	2020-21 season	In progress

6	Work with watershed staff on looking at opportunities that may work for state/federal partnerships	Agencies, Kate Wilson, Cassidy Bender	On-going	On-going
7	Reach out to other groups in basin for discussion on priority issues and potential partnerships	Kate Wilson, Cassidy Bender	On-going	
8	Check with EPA and Lake/Flathead Conservation Districts (have watershed restoration plans to address TMDLs)	Kate Wilson		In progress
9	Address vacancies and reappointments on FBC –BC rep (ex-officio)	Kate Wilson	On-going	Completed with exception of BC