

*Twin Lakes Rathdrum Creek Flood Control 17*  
*Regular Meeting Minutes*

Public Agency: **Flood Control 17, Kootenai County, Idaho**

Governing Body: **Board of Flood Control District Commissioners**

Meeting Date, Time and Location:

**February 6, 2020, 6:00 pm**

**Twinlow Camp**

**22787 North Twinlow Rd Rathdrum Idaho 83858**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Todd Howe at 6 pm.

**Present:** Chairman / Commissioner Division 1 Todd Howe

Commissioner Division 4 Janet Armstrong

Commissioner Division 2 Adam Kremin

**Absent:** Commissioner Division 3 Gordon Sylte

Secretary / Treasurer Kathryn Cronin

**A quorum was established**

**Public:** Debra Andrews

Terry Keifer

Darwin Schutz

Doug Jones - IDWR

Steve Neff- Water Master

Laurin Scarcello – Dam Tender

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Todd Howe. Todd Howe Made a motion to appoint Debra Andrews to take the minutes in the absence of Kathryn Cronin FCD secretary. Adam Kremin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Changes:** No Changes to the agenda

**Approval of minutes:** Adam Kremin moved to approve the minutes as presented, Janet Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Lake level Report:** Laurin Scarcello – Dam tender stated the lake level at 9.02 today at 8:30 am', with a 22 inch opening. Stephens connect readings appear to be off at 8.82. Big foot needs to help getting the difference calibrated. Lauren spoke to Gordon Sylte regarding the lake cresting and now receding. Lauren called Eric Singer at Parks and Rec and Eric Stanley, Lakes Highway District's Director of operations. The Hwy District is planning an upgrade and will evaluate the sturgeon and Gunning Road Culverts.

### **Payment Authorization:**

Debra Andrews on behalf of Kathryn Cronin presented the following bills for payment. Laurin Scarcello - Payroll \$608.45, Kathryn Cronin - Payroll \$419.04, Avista - Utilities \$28.87, Twinlow Camp – February Rent \$100, Kathryn Coronin - Reimbursement for Office Depot tax forms & Rathdrum Post Office mailings \$41.19. Weld It \$650.00 Roof Cover over Dam

Todd Howe made a motion to authorize payments. Janet Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adam Kremin made a motion to approve the payment authorizations, Janet Armstrong, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion on the payment for the commissioner's meetings and other work hours to be reported and paid out on a monthly basis. Todd Howe made a motion to report work hours and pay meetings on a monthly basis. Adam Kremin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Review of Bank Statements & Financial records.**

There was no review of the financial documents with the absence of the Secretary / Treasurer.

Adam Kremin and Kathryn Cronin need to go to the bank to sign as signatories on the behalf of the Flood Control District.

### **Correspondence Review:**

Debra Andrews on behalf of Kathryn Cronin reviewed the correspondence to the Flood Control District with the commissioners.

- An email from the Rathdrum Chamber of Commerce sent an invite to attend the 2020 State of the Community Luncheon February 20, 2020, 11:30 – 1:30pm at the Shepard of the Hills Church. The commissioners will not be attending.
- There is a notice of reinstatement from State Farm for Big Foot
- A letter from RLI Insurance Bond has been renewed and already charged to the FCD bank account. Kathryn will contact Katy the RDI agent to add to the bond. Currently it only covers two commissioners and the secretary. Todd Howe made a motion to add all four commissioners and the secretary to the bond. Adam Kremin second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Notice of Deficiency from the Idaho State Tax Commission. The FCD never received the Form 910 from Bobbie Hunsinger for 9/30/2019. The District has never owed Idaho withholding tax due to being in the lowest tax bracket. Kathryn wrote a letter requesting a waiver of the penalty and interest. The letter was reviewed by all commissioners. Adam Kremin made a motion to send the letter under Todd Howes and Kathryn Coronin's signature requesting a waiver of the penalty and interest. Janet Armstrong second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Dar Shultz is concerned that the December Minutes are not posted to the website

### **Old Business: Weather Station at the Dam:**

Steve Neff – Big Foot provided a bid of \$15,000.00 for a weather station. Steve did additional research and stated this weather station could tie in with Steven's Connect. Big Foot would come out and calibrate

the equipment. Dar Shultz does not see a weather station as a benefit in the winter. Steve said Dan Park thinks it would help with seepage and evaluation. Laurin feels it is a lot of money to spend.

**Roof over Dam:**

Laurin Scarcello reported the Aluminum Roof Cover built by Weld It is finished and installed. Pictures were forwarded to the commissioners. The roof should provide shade in the summer in addition to winter protection. The roof is held by 4 bolts that can be removed if needed.

**Snowpack:**

Doug Jones recognized the group for working together on corresponding via text message group with the regarding lake levels. He appreciates being included in the discussion. There was a discussion on how other tributaries are impacting Rathdrum Creek. There is quite a bit of snow down low. It is important to release water to 8' or below in anticipation of spring runoff. This way, Twin Lakes could be held back when water from other tributaries is putting increased pressure on Rathdrum Creek. Spring Creek has a major impact on Rathdrum Creek. Janet Armstrong is an advocate for Division 4. Dar is concerned that during the past 5 weeks the lake has been impacted by the fluctuations from 7 foot up to 9 ft and back down again. He would like to see a more stable lake level versus wild swings. The Max that can be let out is 165 CSF. Todd Howe has visited all the sites to ensure water levels are in check. Terry Keifer would like to see a gauge up on Fish Creek. He concurs that lake fluctuations are harmful to the lake and its water quality. Commissioner Adam Kremin provided his perspective and approach to help maintain consistency with a gate opening of 12 inches. Commissioner Todd Howe encouraged people to not wait until the next FCD meeting to raise issues. The commissioners' phone numbers need to be placed on the FCD website. Instead call your respective division commissioner regarding your concerns. Terry Keifer feels the lake levels are better than in past years.

**New Business**

**Sump Review:**

No new developments, Laurin will follow up with the aquifer board.

**Rathdrum Creek Debris Cleaning:**

This subject was tabled.

**Online Banking/ Debit Card:**

Janet Armstrong made a motion to set up the FCD for online bill pay and authorize a debit card for the account. Adam Kremin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

**Adjourn:**

Janet Armstrong motioned to adjourn; Adam Kremin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Kathryn Cronin