



MEETING AGENDA

Bitterroot Conservation District (BCD) Board of Supervisors scheduled meeting for Tuesday the 27th of January 2026, 7:00 p.m., 1709 North First Street, Hamilton, MT.

Remote Zoom Conferencing option:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9146460887?pwd=jWRaphHF313K16iWsSBa8zMnBpbvCs.1&omn=87257310534>

ROLL CALL

MINUTES

January 13, 2026

BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

1. BCD Urban Supervisor appointments.
2. 310 Civil Penalties and Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) update.
3. Flathead CD requests to use the BCD watershed trailer April 30th.

BCD COST-SHARE/EDUCATION/GRANT PROGRAMS

1. BCD no-till drill workshop.
2. Farm Service Agency Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP).
3. Hamilton High School Envirothon Team request for a backup rangelands mentor.

BCD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Written Open Lands Board report.

PARTNER REPORTS

1. Jason Lindstrom, Fish Wildlife & Parks (FWP).
2. Rob Livesay, Ravalli County Planning and Floodplain Department.
3. Kimberly Richardson, MSU Ravalli County Extension Resources/Horticulture Agent.
4. Other partner reports.

NOTICES

1. Department of Natural Resources Conservation (DNRC) Forest Pest Management webinar Thursday, February 19, 2026, from 1:30-2:30pm. Registration required.
2. Montana Climate Office Introduction to the Montana Mesonet and Drought Assessment Tools Thursday, January 29th from 11-12:30pm. Registration required.
3. Ravalli County Extension notice of Gardening in Montana Collaboration Meeting 23rd of January at 6:00pm and AG News & Brews Pesticide Licensing Wildwood Brewing Thursday, January 29, 2026, 6:00pm.
4. RCEDA Natural Resource Management Class Series "Wildlife Mitigation and Preparedness" February 10th, 6:00-8:00pm and "Water Rights" March 10th, 6:00-8:00pm, RCEDA Conference Room, Hamilton, MT.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 310 Application BT033-2025 Michael David Stephenson/Bitterroot River-recreational dredging. Tabled until 2026.

2. 310 Application BT082-2025 Cooper Loop Water Rights LLC, Sherman Bennett/Lost Horse Creek-stabilize 75' of eroding bank to protect irrigation delivery system. (Mark, Myers)
3. 310 Application BT087-2025 Wesley Jones/Three Mile Creek-irrigation sump pump and removal of sediment in an existing pond. (Sutherlin, Kerslake).
4. 310 Application BT089-2025 Laura Merrill/Willoughby Creek/Pine Lake-restore stream flow by removal of encroaching cattails and sediment. (Sutherlin, Kerslake)
5. 310 Application BT092-2025 NorthWestern Energy/Bitterroot River Floodplain-bury utility power line. (Dobberstein, Eldreddge)

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

1. Notice of project completion 310 Permit BT097-2024 Barbara Johnson/Pine Hollow Creek-culvert crossing.
2. Notice of partial project completion and cancellation of second bridge crossing 310 Permit BT001-2025 Glenn Construction/West Fork Bitterroot River-install two prefab bridge crossings.
3. Notice of project completion 310 Permit BT025-2025 Nicole & Del Post/Woodchuck Creek-culvert crossing.
4. Notice of project completion 310 Permit BT080-2025 & BT083-2025 Ian Northcott/Sleeping Child Creek-mitigation and culvert crossing.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Emergency Notice 310 BT002-2026 Larry Rose/Tin Cup Creek-removed two blown down trees for flood protection. (Reagan, Nelson, Hansen)
2. 310 Application BT003-2026 VantagePoint Julie Brecht/West Fork-utility crossing. (Reagan, Nelson, Hansen)
3. 310 Application BT004-2026 Justin Patzer/Roaring Lion Creek-remove fallen tree for flood protection. (Mark, Myers)

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC OPEN MIC

DISTRICT BUSINESS

1. BCD county checks 107224-107227.
2. BCD Election of Officers.
3. BCD February Calendar.
4. BCD HSA deposits/stipend.
5. BCD software and new laptop estimate.
6. MACDEO dues invoice.
7. T-Mobile notification.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

1. MACD District Dispatch.
2. NCPP Renewed Strategic Direction.
3. NorthWestern Energy December Newsletter.
4. Uline