

**RESOLUTION
OF THE FLATHEAD COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
RECOMMENDING THE FLATHEAD COUNTY GROWTH POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Flathead County Board of Commissioners created a Planning Board in order to promote the orderly development of the unincorporated areas of Flathead County pursuant to 76-1-101, M.C.A.; and

WHEREAS the jurisdictional area of the Flathead County Planning Board encompasses all areas within Flathead County excluding the City of Kalispell, the City of Whitefish City-County Planning Board jurisdiction and the City of Columbia Falls City-County Planning Board jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted the Flathead County Growth Policy on March 19, 2007 by Resolution No. 2015A; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 9, Part 6, “Implementation Strategy” of the Growth Policy provides that the Growth Policy should be updated, at a minimum, every five years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 76-1-106, M.C.A. and Flathead County Resolution No. 2015P, the Flathead County Board of County Commissioners requested that the Flathead County Planning Board update the Flathead County Growth Policy pursuant to the approved work plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 76-1-306 and 76-1-601, M.C.A., the Flathead County Planning and Zoning Staff assisted in preparing a growth policy update; and

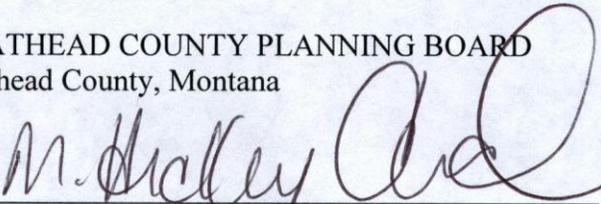
WHEREAS, pursuant to 76-1-603, M.C.A., the Flathead County Planning Board did hold 29 public workshops from October 20, 2010 to April 25, 2012 to engage the public, receive comments and review recommendations and suggestions made regarding the growth policy update; and

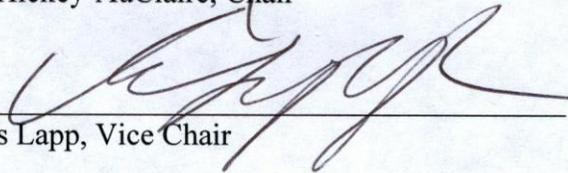
WHEREAS, pursuant to 76-1-602, M.C.A., the Flathead County Planning Board did hold two public hearings on the growth policy update, one on February 15, 2012 after which additional workshops were held to further revise the first final draft and one on June 13, 2012 after which discussion was continued to July 11, 2012 in order to allow adequate time to read and consider all comments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after a lengthy public process to update the Flathead County Growth Policy and consideration of all public testimony and written materials submitted through the close of the public hearing on June 13, 2012, and pursuant to 76-1-603, M.C.A., the Flathead County Planning Board does hereby recommend for approval to the Flathead County Board of Commissioners the updated Flathead County Growth Policy attached hereto and amended as shown on attached Exhibit A.

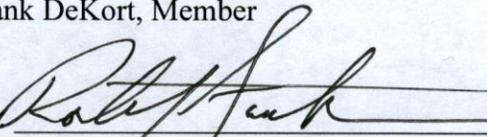
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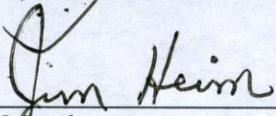
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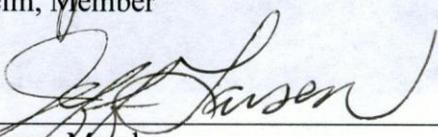
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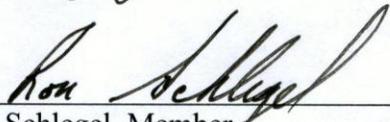
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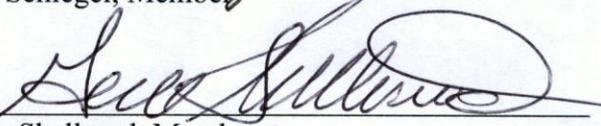
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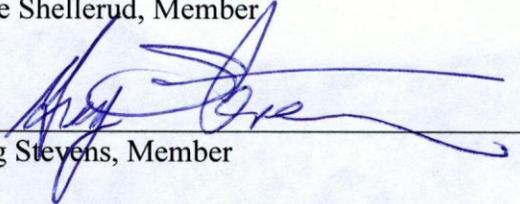
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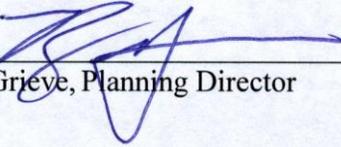
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EXHIBIT A

Reinstate policy 41.3 as follows:

P.41.3 Encourage maintaining and managing riparian areas in accordance with Montana state and federal laws.

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