

Flat Creek district board meets today

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The new Flat Creek Watershed Improvement District board meets this morning at 9 a.m. to discuss flood mitigation plans and monitoring programs.

The district was established this past winter and includes property owners along Flat Creek. Its leaders have met only six or seven times, Chairman Bill Wotkyns said.

“This Monday’s meeting is going to be kind of our first legitimate meeting,” Wotkyns said.

Until now the district has deliberated mostly bureaucratic and administrative matters, he said, and had not yet delved into issues such as flooding.

The board was elected in December and consists of Wotkyns, Missy Falcey, Lance Ash, Larry Pardee and Franz Camenzind.

The group can tax landowners within its 180-acre borders, almost 10 percent of the town of Jackson.

Taxes assessed will be used to control winter flooding that’s plagued Flat Creek in recent years. In town the stream is prone to underwater accumulations of “frazil ice” that raise the stream bottom and cause the creek to spill over its banks.

The meeting this morning is being held at Town Engineer Shawn O’Malley’s office, Wotkyns said. The meeting is scheduled to run until 10:30 a.m.