



## Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

### DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 29, 2025 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

In-person: 400 Main Street Southwest, Ronan, MT

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98267087993>

Join by Phone: +1(253)215 8782 | Webinar ID: 982 6708 7993

#### 1. Call to Order (FRWMB Chair)

1.1. Opening Prayer

1.2. Announce meeting minutes: <https://www.frwmb.gov>

1.3. Attendance

Present: Clayton Matt, Ken Pit, George McLeod, Roger Noble, Georgia Smies (After 19:10 minutes into meeting)

Absent: Shane Hendrickson

**1.4. Disclose any potential conflicts of interest**

None

**1.5. Board adoption of meeting minutes from 01-15-25 and 01-22-25**

Amend 01-15-2025 minutes: for modifications to 3.3, Budget Committee reinstated

Motion to adopt 01-15-2025 minutes, with modifications by Roger Noble; 2nd by George McLeod; Approve by 4 yes votes

Motion to adopt 01-22-2025 minutes by Ken Pitt; 2nd by George McLeod; Approve by 4 yes votes

**1.6. Adopt Agenda**

Amendment: Add item **1.7 Election of Officers**

Motion by George McLeod; 2nd by Ken Pitt; Approve by 4 yes votes

**1.7. Election of Officers**

Motion to nominate Clayton Matt as Chairman by Roger Noble; 2nd by Ken Pitt; Approve by 4 yes votes

Motion to nominate Roger Noble as Vice Chairman by George McLeod; 2nd by Ken Pitt; Approve by 4 yes votes

#### 2. Public Comment (for items not on the agenda)

#### 3. Budget update (Fiscal & Water Engineer)

3.1. 2022-2024 Budget Information Update

3.2. 2025 Budget Projection Discussion

3.2.1. Public Comment

**3.2.2. Board Action on 2025 Budget Projection**

Motion to approve with amendments by Roger; 2nd by Georgia; Approve by 5 yes votes

#### 4. Board Business (if any)

#### 5. Office of the Water Engineer (Water Engineer and Staff)

5.1. Office Updates

5.2. Staffing and Recruitment Updates

5.3. New Form: 6ACF: Allowance Notice of Completion Form

5.3.1. Discussion of form

5.3.2. Includes minor modifications to forms 60DF-Part A, 6DDF- Part A, 60SF-Part A, and 646F-Part A

5.3.3. Public Comment

**5.3.4. Board Action on 6ACF: Allowance Completion Form**

As amended, motion to approve by George McLeod; 2nd by Ken Pitt; Approve by 5 yes votes

**6. Existing-Use Registrations: OE & Board MOU (Counsel and Water Engineer)**

**6.1.** Discussion of MOU RE: Board Receiving State-based Registrations from DNRC

**6.2.** Discussion of Board Process for Storage and Transmission to OE

**6.3.** Public Comment

**6.4. Board Action on State-based Registration OE & Board MOU**

Motion to approve by Ken Pitt; 2nd by Georgia Smies; Approve 5 yes votes

**7. OE Personnel Policies**

**7.1.** Section 10.06 OE Vehicle Policy Update (Policy Attachment)

Tabled

**7.2.** Section 6.04 Administrative Leave

Concurred

**7.3.** Section 10.06 Overnight Use of Office

Concurred

~~**7.4.** New Section — Personal Space Heaters~~

~~**7.5.** New Section — Internship Opportunities~~

~~**7.6.** New Section — Non-employees in the Workplace~~

**7.7.** Other Personnel Policies

**8. Announce Next Meetings: Wednesday February 12, 2025, 1:00-5:00 PM Regular Meeting**

**9. End Public Meeting (FRWMB Chair)**

**1. Call to Order Executive Session (FRWMB Chair)<sup>1</sup>**

**1.1.** Discussion of Private Personnel Matters

**1.2.** Discussion of Litigation Strategy

**2. End Executive Session (FRWMB Chair)**

---

<sup>1</sup> This portion is closed to the public pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §2-3-203(3), as the demands for privacy to discuss litigation strategy and/or personnel matters clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §2-3-203(4)(b), discussion of such strategy and/or personnel matters in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the operations of the Board. Board legal counsel will be present.