



Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 12, 2025 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/97047407737>

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Amendments Made in Blue

1. **Call to Order (FRWMB Chair)**
 - 1.1. Opening Prayer
 - 1.2. Announce meeting minutes: <https://www.frwmb.gov>
 - 1.3. Attendance All in Attendance – George McLeod and Roger Noble Attended via Zoom – Ken Pitt Left at the start of Item #9
 - 1.4. Disclose any potential conflicts of interest None
 - 1.5. Board adoption of meeting minutes from 01-29-2025 Motion by Georgia; 2nd by Ken; Approved by five yes votes
 - 1.6. Adopt Agenda Motion by Roger to approve with addition of Item #3; 2nd by George; Approved by five yes votes
2. **Public Comment** (for items not on the agenda)
3. **Introducing Erin Clinkenbeard, CSKT Water Right Program Manager for DEWR**
4. **Budget update** (Finance & Water Engineer)
 - 4.1. 2024 Funding Agreement Update - Follow-up to meeting with parties on Feb. 10
 - 4.1.1. Funding Agreement Update Discussion
 - 4.1.2. Public Comment if Needed
 - 4.1.3. Board Action on Budget If Needed No Action but Board reached Consensus
5. **D&O Insurance** (Finance & Counsel)
 - 5.1. Discussion
 - 5.2. Public Comment
 - 5.3. Board Action on D&O Insurance No Action
6. **Board Business** (Finance)
 - 6.1. Board Compensation for January 2025
 - 6.1.1. Discussion
 - 6.1.2. Public Comment
 - 6.1.3. Board Action on Board Compensation for January 2025 Motion by Ken; 2nd by Roger; Approved by five yes votes
 - 6.2. Board Committee Compensation for January 2025
 - 6.2.1. Discussion
 - 6.2.2. Public Comment
 - 6.2.3. Board Action on Board Committee Compensation for January 2025 Motion by Ken; 2nd by George; Approved by five yes votes
7. **Staffing and Recruitment Updates**
 - 7.1. Hydrogeologist (Board)
 - 7.2. Water Resource Specialists (Water Engineer)
8. **Office of the Water Engineer** (Water Engineer)
 - 8.1. Office Updates
 - 8.2. Complaint Hearing Updates

8.3. WRIS Updates

8.4. Registration MOU Updates

8.5. OE Lease Extension

8.5.1. Discussion

8.5.2. Public Comment

8.5.3. Board Action on Lease Extension Tabled for next meeting to review lease

9. OE Personnel Policies

9.1. Section 10.06 OE Vehicle Policy Update (Policy Attachment) Concur

9.2. Other Personnel Policies Tabled

10. Announce Next Meetings: ~~Wednesday March 12, 2025~~ – March 5th, 2025 & March 18th, 2025

11. End Public Meeting (FRWMB Chair) Motion by Georgia 2nd by Roger Approved by four yes votes

1. Call to Order Executive Session (FRWMB Chair)¹

1.1. Discussion of Private Personnel Matters

1.2. Discussion of Litigation Strategy

2. End Executive Session (FRWMB Chair)

¹ 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.