



## Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

### DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 5, 2025 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/99891288833>

Join by Phone: +1(253)215-8782 | Webinar ID: 998 9128 8833

### 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 – Roger Noble attending via Zoom

1.4. Disclose any potential conflicts of interest None

Board adoption of meeting minutes from 02-12-2025 Motion: Ken 2<sup>nd</sup> Georgia Approved by Five yes votes

1.5. Adopt Agenda Motion: Georgia 2<sup>nd</sup> George: Approved by Five yes votes

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

#### 3. Introduction: Amanda Berens & Tyrel Fenner – FRWMB Water Right Specialists

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

4.1. 2025 Budget Discussion

4.2. D&O Insurance

4.2.1. Discussion

4.2.2. Public Comment

4.2.3. Board Action on D&O Insurance Motion: Ken 2<sup>nd</sup> Georgia: Approved by Five yes votes

#### 5. State-Based Registrations Update (Engineer and DNRC's Blair Libby)

5.1. Transfer of Existing Use Registrations

5.2. DNRC Custody Letters

5.3. Application Fees from DNRC

5.4. Additional Needs: Scanning, Finalization of Transfer, WP&P updates, WRIS access

#### 6. Board Business

6.1. Appeal of Formal Complaint [FRWMB DA 25-0100] (Legal Counsel)

6.1.1. Discussion

6.1.2. Schedule Closed Meeting for Discussion of Appeal Details

6.2. Vehicle Storage Agreement with Safety of Dams (Engineer and Legal)

6.2.1. Discussion

6.2.2. Public Comment

6.2.3. Board Action on Vehicle Storage Agreement No Action → Consensus

#### 7. Office of the Water Engineer (Water Engineer)

7.1. Office Updates

7.2. Staffing and Recruitment Update

7.2.1. Review of Position Descriptions

7.2.2. Board Consensus Consensus Reached

7.2.3. Public Comment

#### 8. Office Building Project Planning (FRWMB Building Committee)

8.1. Discussion & Next Steps

8.2. Board Consensus Consensus Reached

**9. Existing Office Lease Extension (Water Engineer)**

9.1. Extension Discussion & Original Lease

9.2. Public Comment if Needed

**9.3. Board Action or Continuation of Table of existing Office Lease** Motion: George 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken

Approved by Five yes votes

**10. Sapphire Contract (FRWMB Chair)**

10.1. Discussion

10.2. Public Comment

**10.3. Board Action, if any, on Sapphire Contract** Tabled

**11. Personnel Policies:** Discussion of Current Draft, Specific Sections, Next Steps

**12. Announce Next Meetings: ~~Tuesday March 18, 2025 and ??~~ March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Executive Session & March 27<sup>th</sup> 2025 Regular Meeting**

[Water Engineer is out the week of 3/17, suggesting 3/27 as alternative to 3/18 for Engineer and Counsel availability]

**13. 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)**

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<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.