



Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 17, 2025 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95903269215>

Join by Phone: +1 (669) 444-9171 | Webinar ID: 959 0326 9215

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: [In attendance: Clayton Matt, Roger Noble, Georgia Smies, Shane Hendrickson – Absent: Ken Pitt, George Mcleod -- No Quorum](#)

1.4. Disclose any potential conflicts of interest [None](#)

1.5. [Board adoption of meeting minutes from 03-27-2025](#) [No Quorum – Tabled for next meeting](#)

1.6. [Adopt Agenda](#) [Cannot adopt agenda, no Quorum](#)

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

3. Budget update (Fiscal)

[Items 4.1 through 4.3 have been tabled for the next meeting due to lack of quorum](#)

4. Board Business

4.1. Board Committee Compensation for February 2025

4.1.1. Discussion

4.1.2. Public Comment

4.1.3. [Board Action on Board Committee Compensation for February 2025](#)

4.2. Board Compensation for March 2025

4.2.1. Discussion

4.2.2. Public Comment

4.2.3. [Board Action on Board Compensation for March 2025](#)

4.3. Board Committee Compensation for March 2025

4.3.1. Discussion

4.3.2. Public Comment

4.3.3. [Board Action on Board Committee Compensation for March 2025](#)

5. Funding Agreements with the State and the Tribes

5.1. Discussion

5.2. Public Comment

5.3. [Board action on Funding Agreements with the State and the Tribes](#) [No Quorum – Tabled for next meeting](#)

6. Legal Updates (Counsel)

7. Office of the Water Engineer (Water Engineer)

7.1. Office Updates with Water Rights & Traffic Reports

7.2. Staffing Update

7.3. Funding Agreement

7.4. Water Rights Information System (WRIS) Updates

7.5. State-based Registrations

7.6. IT Services Update

7.7. Water Right Scenarios (~1 hour)

Items 8.1 through 10.5 have been tabled for the next meeting due to lack of quorum

8. Office Building Project Planning – Architect Firm Selection

8.1. Discussion

8.2. Public Comment

8.3. Board Action: Selection of Architect Firm

9. WP&Ps: Hearings/Appeal Case Records – Public Requests and Record Retention

9.1.1. Discussion [15-day public comment period ended – no comments received]

9.1.2. Public Comment

9.1.3. **Board Action: Adopt WP&Ps**

10. Office of the Engineer Personnel Policies

10.1. Discussion [15-day public comment period ended – no comments received]

10.2. Physical Fitness Leave

10.3. Infectious Disease in the Workplace

10.4. Public Comment

10.5. Board Action: Adopt Personnel Policies

11. Announce Next Meetings: Wednesday April 30, 2025 (9 to 1); May 14 (9 to 1)

12. End Public Meeting (FRWMB Chair)

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.