



Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 7, 2025 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

PUBLIC PORTION STARTS @ 1:00 PM

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

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92842015638>

Join by Phone: +1 (669) 444-9171 | Webinar ID: 928 4201 5638

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1. **12:00 pm to 1:00 pm: Call to Order Executive Session Closed to the Public (FRWMB Chair)¹**
 - 1.1. Discussion of Private Personnel Matters
 - 1.2. Discussion of Litigation Strategy
 2. **End Executive Session (FRWMB Chair)**

All Amendments Made in Blue
 1. **1:00 pm to 5:00 pm: Call to Order Public Portion of Meeting (FRWMB Chair)**
 - 1.1. **Adopt Agenda** Motion Roger 2nd: Ken Approved with 5 Yes Votes
 - 1.2. Opening Prayer
 - 1.3. Announce meeting minutes: <https://www.frwmb.gov>
 - 1.4. Attendance **All in Attendance**
 - 1.5. Disclose any potential conflicts of interest **None**
 - 1.6. **Board adoption of meeting minutes from 09-23-25** Motion George 2nd: Ken Approved with 5 Yes Votes
 2. **Public Comment** (for items not on the agenda or non-action agenda items)
 3. **LOCI Plan Near Complete New Building Option Presentation & Remodel Option**
 - 3.1. Presentation
 - 3.2. Discussion
 - 3.3. Public Comment
 - 3.4. **Potential Board Action: Adoption LOCI Design for New Building** Motion Ken 2nd: Georgia Approved with 5 Yes Votes
 - 3.5. **Potential Board Action: Approve additional LOCI work for Remodel Option** **Tabled**
 4. **Water Policy and Procedures (WP&Ps)**(Water Engineer)
 - 4.1. WP&P Permit and Change Workgroup Updates
 - 4.2. WP&P Section Updates – 15-day comment period complete
 - 4.2.1. WP&P 10-104. [Delete Section] Water Right Verification for DEQ Subdivision Applications (ARM 17.36.103) ***No Comments Received
 - 4.2.2. WP&P 11-108(3) [Update: Reservation Water Rights Database] ***No Comments Received
 - 4.2.3. WP&P 21-106, 107, &108 NEW SECTIONS: State-based Registrations; ***No Comments Received
 - 4.2.4. WP&P 21-112(2) [Repost: Declaring Abandonment] ***No Comments Received; and
 - 4.2.5. WP&P 22-101(2) [New: Notice/Request to Replace Point of Diversion & Draft Forms 644F] *** One Comment Received – suggest change review period from 60 days to 30 days or 45 days; Water Engineer and Counsel suggesting 45 days.

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.

- 4.2.6. Discussion
- 4.2.7. Public Comment
- 4.3. Potential Board Action: adopt WP&Ps listed in 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.4 and 4.2.5 as amended to 45 days Motion Georgia 2nd: Ken Approved with 5 Yes Votes
Board Action: Move WP&P listed in 4.2.5 for 15-Day Public Comment Period Motion Roger 2nd: Georgia Approved with 5 Yes Votes
- 4.4. OE Form 644F Request to Replace Point of Diversion [If WP&P 22-101(2) is adopted]
 - 4.4.1. Discussion
 - 4.4.2. Public Comment
 - 4.4.3. Potential Board Action: Approve OE Form 644F Request to Replace Point of Diversion Tabled
- 5. **Budget** (Budget Committee, Financial Director, Water Engineer)
 - 5.1. FRWMB Budget Discussion and Next Steps
 - 5.1.1. FY 2026 Budget
 - 5.1.2. FY 2027 Budget
 - 5.2. Investment of water right application fees and interest income to date
 - 5.2.1. Discussion
 - 5.2.2. Public Comment
 - 5.3. Potential Board Action: Approve CD investment option Tabled
- 6. **Office of the Water Engineer Updates**
 - 6.1.1. WRIS
 - 6.1.2. Operations
 - 6.1.3. Other Items
 - 6.1.4. ~~Employee Spotlight — Cristy Brooks~~ Tabled
- 7. **Board Business** (Financial Director)
 - 7.1. Board Committee Compensation for September 2025
 - 7.1.1. Discussion
 - 7.1.2. Public Comment
 - 7.2. Potential Board Action: Approve Board Committee Compensation for September 2025 Motion Ken 2nd: George Approved with 5 Yes Votes
 - 7.3. Board Compensation for September 2025
 - 7.3.1. Discussion
 - 7.3.2. Public Comment
 - 7.4. Potential Board Action: Approve Board Compensation for September 2025 Motion Roger 2nd: George Approved with 5 Yes Votes
- 8. **Announce Next Meetings:**
 - 8.1. Next Board Meeting: ? 10/21 with Executive Session from 12-1; 11/4; & 11/18
- 9. **End Public Meeting (FRWMB Chair)**