



## Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

### DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Tuesday December 16, 2025 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**PUBLIC PORTION STARTS @ 1:30 PM**

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

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95440613506>

Join by Phone: +1 669 444 9171 | Webinar ID: 954 4061 3506

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1. **12:00 pm to 1:30 pm: Call to Order Executive Session Closed to the Public (FRWMB Chair)<sup>1</sup>**
    - 1.1. Discussion of Private Personnel Matters
    - 1.2. Discussion of Litigation Strategy
  2. **End Executive Session (FRWMB Chair)**
    - [Amendments Made in Blue](#)
  1. **1:30 pm to 5:00 pm: Call to Order Public Portion of Meeting (FRWMB Chair)**
    - 1.1. **Adopt Agenda** Motion: Georgia 2<sup>nd</sup>: George Approved with 4 yes votes
    - 1.2. Opening Prayer
    - 1.3. Announce meeting minutes: <https://www.frwmb.gov>
    - 1.4. Attendance [Absent Clayton Matt – Attending via Zoom Ken Pitt](#)
    - 1.5. Disclose any potential conflicts of interest [None](#)
    - 1.6. **Board adoption of meeting minutes from 11-18-25** Motion: Georgia 2<sup>nd</sup>: George Approved with 4 yes votes
  2. **Public Comment** (for items not on the agenda or non-action agenda items)
  3. **Budget**
    - 3.1. Status of 2025 and 2026 budget submittals to funding entities (Budget Committee)
    - 3.2. FRWMB 2027/2028 Draft Budget (Budget Committee)
      - 3.2.1. Discussion
      - 3.2.2. Public Comment
      - 3.2.3. **Potential Board Action: Approve FY2027/2028 Budget** [No Action](#)
    - 3.3. 2027 Legislative Biennium report (Pelah Hoyt, DNRC)
    - 3.4. Building funds from State of Montana Report (Pelah Hoyt, DRNC)
  4. **Permit & Change WP&P Workgroup Updates**
    - 4.1. Meeting Progress
    - 4.2. Physical and Legal Availability Presentation – (Hydrologist)
    - 4.3. Next steps
  5. **Water Policy and Procedures (WP&Ps)(Water Engineer)**
    - 5.1. WP&P Adoption Updates
    - 5.2. Form Update: Deadline Extension Request (Form 607F)
      - 5.2.1. Discussion – adds registrations to section 4
      - 5.2.2. Public Comment
      - 5.2.3. **Potential Board Action: Adopt Updated Form 607F** Motion: Ken 2<sup>nd</sup>: George Approved

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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.

with 4 yes votes

**5.3. WP&P Update to 21-107(4) Process for Registration of Certain Other Previously Unrecorded Existing Rights – Adequacy of State-based Registrations – Pre-1973 filings**

5.3.1. Discussion

5.3.2. Public Comment

5.3.3. Potential Board Action: Post 21-107(4) update for 15-day notice and comment Motion: George 2<sup>nd</sup>: Georgia Approved with 4 yes votes

**5.4. WP&P 22-101 Title Change “Exceptions to a Change in Use Authorization” and new Subsection (2):**

5.4.1. New Title for WP&P 22-101(2): Exceptions to a Change in Use Authorization

5.4.2. Replacement POD becomes subsection WP&P 22-101(2)(a)

5.4.3. New Subsection: WP&P 22-101(2)(b) Petition to Modify A Permit or Change Authorization

- Petition to modify or correct
- Petition to remove a condition
- Petition to reduce volume or flow rate
- Petition to change interim compliance or construction date

5.4.4. Discussion

5.4.5. Public Comment

5.4.6. Potential Board Action: Approve WP&P 22-101(2) for 15-day notice and comment No Action – Tabled for next meeting

**6. Board Business (Chair, Vice Chair, and Finance Director)**

**6.1. Board Membership Updates; Discussion of Advertisement to Solicit Members**

**6.2. Board Committee Compensation for November 2025**

6.2.1. Discussion

6.2.2. Public Comment

6.2.3. Potential Board Action: Approve Board Committee Compensation for November 2025 Motion: George 2<sup>nd</sup>: Georgia Approved with 4 yes votes

**6.3. Board Compensation for November 2025**

6.3.1. Discussion

6.3.2. Public Comment

6.3.3. Potential Board Action: Approve Board Compensation for November 2025 Motion: Ken 2<sup>nd</sup>: Georgia Approved with 4 yes votes

**6.4. Resolution No. 1 – Edit to Increase Expenditure Amount for Finance**

6.4.1. Discussion

6.4.2. Public Comment

6.4.3. Potential Board Action: Approve edits to Resolution No. 1 Motion: Georgia 2<sup>nd</sup>: George Approved with 4 yes votes

**7. Office of the Water Engineer Updates**

7.1. Staffing

7.2. Water Right Report

**8. Announce Next Meetings:**

8.1. Next Board Meeting: ? Proposed January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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