



Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 13, 2026 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/99426945389>

Join by Phone: +1 669 444 9171 | Webinar ID: 994 2694 5389

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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)**

Amendments Made in Blue

1. **Call to Order Public Portion of Meeting (FRWMB Chair)**
 - 1.1. **Adopt Agenda** Motion: Roger 2nd: Georgia Approved with 4 Yes Votes
 - 1.2. Opening Prayer
 - 1.3. Announce meeting minutes: <https://www.frwmb.gov>
 - 1.4. Attendance: Absent: George McLeod Attending Via Zoom: Ken Pitt
 - 1.5. **Disclose any potential conflicts of interest** None
 - 1.6. **Board adoption of meeting minutes from 12-16-2025** Motion: Georgia 2nd: Ken Approved with 4 Yes Votes
2. **Public Comment** (for items not on the agenda or non-action agenda items)
3. **Board Business**
 - 3.1. Board Membership Updates
 - 3.2. Chairman Officer Election
 - 3.2.1. Nominations and Discussion
 - 3.2.2. Public Comment
 - 3.2.3. **Board Action: (voice vote) Approve Incoming Chairman** Motion: Clayton 2nd: Ken Approved with 4 Yes Votes – Chairman Noble voted in
 - 3.3. Vice Chairman Officer Election
 - 3.3.1. Nominations and Discussion
 - 3.3.2. Public Comment
 - 3.3.3. **Board Action: (voice vote) Approve Incoming Vice Chairman** Motion: Roger 2nd: Ken Approved with 4 Yes Votes – Vice Chairman McLeod Voted in
 - 3.4. Board Committee Compensation for December 2025
 - 3.4.1. Discussion
 - 3.4.2. Public Comment
 - 3.4.3. **Potential Board Action: Approve Board Committee Compensation for December 2025** Motion: Clayton 2nd: Ken Approved with 4 Yes Votes
 - 3.5. Board Compensation for December 2025
 - 3.5.1. Discussion
 - 3.5.2. Public Comment

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.

3.5.3. Potential Board Action: Approve Board Compensation for December 2025 Motion: Georgia 2nd: Clayton Approved with 4 Yes Votes

4. Budget

4.1. FRWMB Pacific Source Health Insurance

4.1.1. Discussion

4.1.2. Public Comment

4.1.3. Potential Board Action: Approve FRWMB Pacific Source Health Insurance for 2026 Motion: Clayton 2nd: Ken Approved with 4 Yes Votes

4.2. Redtail Letter of Engagement for 2026

4.2.1. Discussion

4.2.2. Public Comment

4.2.3. Potential Board Action: Approve Redtail Letter of Engagement for 2026 Motion: Ken 2nd: Georgia Approved with 4 Yes Votes

4.3. FRWMB FY26 for Funding Parties

4.3.1. Discussion

4.3.2. Public Comment

4.3.3. Potential Board Action: Approve FRWMB FY26 Revised for Funding Parties Motion: Clayton 2nd: Georgia Approved with 4 Yes Votes

5. Water Policy and Procedures (WP&Ps)(Water Engineer)

5.1. WP&P 21-107(4) Process for Registration of Certain Other Previously Unrecorded Existing Rights – Adequacy of State-based Registrations – Pre-1973 filings – No Public Comments Received

5.1.1. Discussion

5.1.2. Public Comment

5.1.3. Board Action: Adopt WP&P 21-107(4) Motion: Clayton 2nd: Georgia Approved with 4 Yes Votes

6. Permit & Change WP&P Workgroup Updates

6.1. Meeting Progress

6.2. Next steps

7. Office of the Water Engineer Updates

7.1. Staffing

7.2. Website Improvements

7.3. Water Right Report

8. Announce Next Meetings:

8.1. Next Board Meeting: ? Proposed 2/10/2026

9. End Public Meeting (FRWMB Chair)