



Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Tuesday – March 3, 2026 | 12 PM – 4:00 PM

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

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91796914652>

Join by Phone: +1 719 359 4580 | Webinar ID: 917 9691 4652

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

All Amendments Made in Blue

1. **1:00pm: Call to Order Public Portion of Meeting** (Board Chair)
 - 1.1. **Adopt Agenda** Motion Ruth Swaney 2nd Ken Approved with 4 Yes Votes, as amended
 - 1.2. Opening Prayer
 - 1.3. Announce meeting minutes: <https://www.frwmb.gov>
 - 1.4. Attendance All in Attendance, Chairman Noble Attending Remote
 - 1.5. Disclose any potential conflicts of interest
 - 1.6. **Board adoption of meeting minutes from 01-13-2026** Motion Ken, 2nd Ruth, Approved with 3 Yes Votes, Ruth Abstained (not present)
2. **Public Comment** (for items not on the agenda or non-action agenda items)
3. **Introduction of Pat Lauridson – CSKT-MT Compact Coordinator**
4. **Board Business** (Board Chair)
 - 4.1. Board Membership Updates
 - 4.1.1. CSKT Appointment – Ruth Swaney
 - 4.1.2. Status Update of Fifth Member Position
 - 4.2. Review of Board Committees
 - 4.2.1. Discussion
 - 4.2.2. Assignment of Board Members
 - 4.3. Board Committee Compensation for January 2026
 - 4.3.1. Discussion
 - 4.3.2. Public Comment
 - 4.3.3. **Approve Board Committee Compensation for January 2026** Motion Ruth, 2nd Ken, Approved with 4 Yes Votes
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 - 4.4.1. Discussion
 - 4.4.2. Public Comment
 - 4.4.3. **Approve Board Compensation for January 2026** Motion Ken, 2nd Ruth, Approved with 4 Yes

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.

5. **Budget** (Finance Director)
 - 5.1. FRWMB FY26 for Funding Parties
 - 5.1.1. Update from Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (Pelah Hoyt, DNRC)
 - 5.1.2. Update from Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)
 - 5.1.3. Discussion
 - 5.2. FY26 Funding Agreements with CSKT
 - 5.2.1. Discussion
 - 5.2.2. Public Comment
 - 5.2.3. Approve FY26 Funding Agreement with CSKT Motion Ruth, 2nd Ken, Approved with 4 Yes Votes
 - 5.3. FY26 Funding Agreement with State
 - 5.3.1. Discussion
 - 5.3.2. Public Comment
 - 5.3.3. Approve FY26 Funding Agreement with State Motion Ken, 2nd Roger, Approved with 4 Yes Votes
 - 5.4. ~~Request for Qualifications — Audit Solicitation (Board Chair)~~
 - 5.4.1. ~~Discussion~~
 - 5.4.2. ~~Board Consensus on RFQ for Audit Solicitation~~
6. **Permit & Change Committee Updates**
 - 6.1. Workgroup Status (OE Staff)
 - 6.2. Next steps for Committee (Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Legal)
7. **Office of the Water Engineer Updates**
 - 7.1. Updates on Water Engineer and Water Resources Specialist Positions
 - 7.2. Staff Reports (OE Staff)
8. **Water Policy and Procedures** (OE Staff and Legal)
 - 8.1. Revision to WP&P 22-117(14)(c) – Number of Connections and Standards
 - 8.1.1. Discussion
 - 8.1.2. Public Comment
 - 8.1.3. Approve WP&P 22-117(14)(c) for 15-Day Notice and Comment Motion Ruth, 2nd Ken, Approved with 4 Yes Votes
 - 8.2. Revision to WP&P 22-117(15) – Volume Calculations
 - 8.2.1. Discussion
 - 8.2.2. Public Comment
 - 8.2.3. Approve WP&P 22-117(15) for 15-Day Notice and Comment Motion Ken, 2nd Roger, Approved with 4 Yes Votes
 - 8.3. Revision to WP&P 22-117(21) – Maximum Number of Wells
 - 8.3.1. Discussion
 - 8.3.2. Public Comment
 - 8.3.3. Approve WP&P 22-117(21) for 15-Day Notice and Comment Motion Ruth, 2nd Ken, Approved with 4 Yes Votes
9. **Announce Next Meeting(s)** (Board Chair)
 - 9.1. Next Board Meeting [03/31/2026](#)
10. **End Public Meeting** (Board Chair) [Meeting Ended 14:54](#)