



Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

Draft Meeting Minutes

Tuesday – March 31, 2026 | 12 PM – 3:00 PM

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

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/99190682360>

Join by Phone: +1 719 359 4580 | Webinar ID: 991 9068 2360

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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)
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1. **1:00pm: Call to Order Public Portion of Meeting** (Board Chair)
 - 1.1. **Adopt Agenda** Motion George McLeod, 2nd Kenneth Pitt, Approved with 4 yes votes
 - 1.2. Opening Prayer
 - 1.3. Announce meeting minutes: <https://www.frwmb.gov>
 - 1.4. Attendance All in attendance in person
 - 1.5. Disclose any potential conflicts of interest
 - 1.6. **Board adoption of meeting minutes from 03-03-2025** Motion Kenneth Pitt, 2nd Ruth Swaney, Approved with 4 yes votes
 2. **Public Comment** (for items not on the agenda or non-action agenda items) No public present, either online or in person
 3. **Board Business** (Board Chair)
 - 3.1. Board Membership Updates
 - 3.1.1. Fifth Member Position Selection – Chris Frissell (Board confirmation) Unanimous Concurrence
 - 3.2. Board Committee Compensation for February 2026
 - 3.2.1. Discussion
 - 3.2.2. Public Comment
 - 3.2.3. **Approve Board Committee Compensation for February 2026** Motion George McLeod, 2nd Ruth Swaney, Approved with 4 yes votes
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 4. **Budget** (Finance Director)
 - 4.1. FRWMB FY26 Funding Agreements
 - 4.1.1. Discussion
 5. **Permit & Change Committee Updates**

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.

5.1. Next steps from Committee (Staff and Legal)

6. Office of the Water Engineer Updates

6.1. Updates on Water Engineer and Water Resources Specialist Positions

6.2. Dustin Walters Probationary Period Completion

6.2.1. Discussion

6.2.2. Board Consensus **Unanimous Concurrence**

6.3. Amanda Berens Promotion Plan Completion

6.3.1. Discussion

6.3.2. Board Consensus **Unanimous Concurrence**

7. Policies and Procedures (Legal)

7.1. Notice and Comment Period Ended for WP&P 22-117(14)(c), (15), and (21)

7.1.1. Discussion – No comments received

7.1.2. Public Comment

7.1.3. **Approve WP&P 22-117(14)(c), (15), and (21)** Roll call vote approved with 5 yes votes

8. Announce Next Meeting(s) (Board Chair)

8.1. Next Board Meeting 04/21/2026 1300-1600

9. End Public Meeting (Board Chair) Motion to adjourn Kenneth Pitt, 2nd George McLeod, approved with 5 yes votes and adjourned at 13:47