



Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

PROPOSED Meeting Minutes

Tuesday – May 19, 2026 | 12 PM – 4:00 PM

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

Zoom: <https://www.frwmb.gov/event/2026-05-19-frwmb-meeting/>

Join by Phone: +1 719 359 4580 | Webinar ID: 952 0414 0608

Amendments Made In Red

[13:11:51 \(00:06:09\)](#)

1. **1:00pm: Call to Order Public Portion of Meeting** (Board Chair)

1.1 Adopt Agenda – Approved with amendment

Board Member Ruth Swaney: Motion
Board Member Kenneth Pitt: 2nd
Board Chair Roger Noble: Approve
Board Vice Chair George McLeod: Approve
Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Approve
Board Member Ruth Swaney: Approve

1.1. Opening Prayer

1.2. Announce meeting minutes: [Minutes](#)

1.3. Attendance

Board Chair Roger Noble: Present
Board Vice Chair George McLeod: Present
Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Present
Board Member Ruth Swaney: Present
Board Member Chris Frissell: Present (Online)
Chris Frissell: Joined at 13:14

1.4. Disclose any potential conflicts of interest

1.5. Board adoption of meeting minutes from 04-21-2026 **(As amended)**

Board Vice Chair George McLeod: Motion
Board Member Ruth Swaney: 2nd
Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Approve
Board Chair Roger Noble: Approve
Board Member Chris Frissell: Approve
Board Member Ruth Swaney: Approve
Board Vice Chair George McLeod: Approve

[13:17:00 \(00:00:36\)](#)

2. **Public Comment** (for items not on the agenda or non-action agenda items)

None

[13:17:36 \(00:18:48\)](#)

3. **(Before 1:30 p.m.) DNRC Presentation on Ownership Updates** (Pelah Hoyt, Compact Implementation Program Manager)

[13:35:22 \(00:04:47\)](#)

4. **Introduction of Water Engineer – Elena Evans**

[13:40:09 \(00:13:55\)](#)

5. Board Business (Board Chair)

5.1. Board Compensation for April 2026

5.1.1. Discussion

5.1.2. Public Comment
None

5.1.3. Approve Board Compensation for April 2026

Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Motion
Board Vice Chair George McLeod: 2nd
Board Member Chris Frissell: Approve
Board Member Ruth Swaney: Approve
Board Chair Roger Noble: Approve
Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Approve
Board Vice Chair George McLeod: Approve

5.2. Board Committee Compensation for April 2026

5.2.1. Discussion

5.2.2. Public Comment
None

5.2.3. Approve Board Committee Compensation for April 2026

Board Member Ruth Swaney: Motion
Board Vice Chair George McLeod: 2nd
Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Approve
Board Member Chris Frissell: Approve
Board Chair Roger Noble: Approve
Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Approve
Board Vice Chair George McLeod: Approve

5.3. Board Committee Assignments

5.3.1. Discussion

[13:54:04 \(01:00:05\)](#)

6. Budget (Finance Director)

6.1. Update on One-time Appropriations

6.1.1. Discussion

6.2. Amended FY26 Quarter 1 Budget

6.2.1. Discussion

6.2.2. Approve Amended FY26 Quarter 1 Budget

Board Member Ruth Swaney: Motion
Board Vice Chair George McLeod: 2nd
Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Approve
Board Member Chris Frissell: Approve
Board Chair Roger Noble: Approve
Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Approve
Board Vice Chair George McLeod: Approve

6.3. FY26 Quarter 2 Budget

6.3.1. Discussion

6.3.2. Approve FY26 Quarter 2 Budget
Tabled pending revision

Break (14:23 – 14:46)

6.4. FY26 Pay Boost (Finance and Legal)

6.4.1. Discussion

6.4.2. Board Consensus on Pay Boost
Unanimous Concurrence

14:54:09 (00:17:07)

7. Office of the Water Engineer Updates

7.1. Updates on Water Resources Specialist Positions (Engineer and Board)

7.2. Water Rights Report (Staff)

7.3. Office Hours

15:11:16 (00:01:57)

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

8.1. Next Board Meeting
6/16/2026

15:13:13

9. End Public Meeting (Board Chair)

Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Motion

Board Vice Chair George McLeod: 2nd

Board Member Chris Frissell: Approve

Board Chair Roger Noble: Approve

Board Member Ruth Swaney: Approve

Board Vice Chair George McLeod: Approve

Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Approve