



Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday – August 25, 2026 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/94404206624>

Join by Phone: +1 719 359 4580 | Webinar ID: 944 0420 6624

Amendments Made in Red

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

1.1. Adopt Agenda – Approved

Board Member Ruth Swaney: Motion

Board Member Kenneth Pitt: 2nd

Board Member Chris Frissell: Approve

Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Approve

Board Vice Chair George McLeod: Approve

Board Member Ruth Swaney: Approve

1.2. Opening Prayer

1.3. Announce meeting minutes: <https://www.frwmb.gov>

1.4. Attendance

Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Present

Board Member Ruth Swaney: Present

Board Member Chris Frissell: Present

Board Vice Chair George McLeod: Present

Board Chair Roger Noble: Absent

1.5. Disclose any potential conflicts of interest

None

1.6. Board adoption of meeting minutes from 07-21-2026

Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Motion

Board Member Ruth Swaney: 2nd

Board Member Chris Frissell: Approve

Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Approve

Board Vice Chair George McLeod: Approve

Board Member Ruth Swaney: Approve

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

Duane Smith provided public comment.

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3. Board Business (Board Chair & Finance Director)

3.1. Board Compensation for July 2026

3.1.1. Discussion

3.1.2. Public Comment

None

3.1.3. Approve Board Compensation for July 2026

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

3.2. Board Committee Compensation for July 2026

3.2.1. Discussion

3.2.2. Public Comment

None

3.2.3. Approve Board Committee Compensation for July 2026

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

3.3. FY26 Q3 Budget Report

3.3.1. Discussion

3.3.2. Public Comment

None

3.3.3. Approve FY26 Q3 Budget Report

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

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4. Budget (Water Engineer & Finance Director)

4.1. Draft Budget

4.1.1. Discussion

4.1.2. Public Comment

None

4.1.3. Budget Approval for FY2027

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

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5. Office of the Water Engineer Updates

5.1. WP&P Language Regarding GMAs

5.1.1. Discussion

5.1.2. Public Comment

[None](#)

5.1.3. Approval of WP&P 11-109 for 15-day Notice and Comment – **Approved with Revisions**

[Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Motion](#)

[Board Member Chris Frissell: 2nd](#)

[Board Member Chris Frissell: Approve](#)

[Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Approve](#)

[Board Vice Chair George McLeod: Approve](#)

[Board Member Ruth Swaney: Approve](#)

5.2. Physical and Legal Availability White Paper

5.2.1. Overview

5.2.2. Discussion

5.2.3. Public Comment

[None](#)

5.2.4. Approval of Physical and Legal Availability White Paper for Public Posting – **Approved**

Pending Minor Revisions from Board Members

[Board Member Ruth Swaney: Motion](#)

[Board Member Chris Frissell: 2nd](#)

[Board Member Chris Frissell: Approve](#)

[Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Approve](#)

[Board Vice Chair George McLeod: Approve](#)

[Board Member Ruth Swaney: Approve](#)

5.3. Permit and Change Work Group Update

5.3.1. Overview

5.3.2. Discussion

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

6.1. Next Board Meeting

[09/25/2026](#)

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7. End Public Meeting (Board Chair)