Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday – September 29, 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

13:06:24 (00:05:18)

1. **1:00pm: Call to Order Public Portion of Meeting** (Board Chair)
   - **1.1.** Adopt Agenda
     - Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Motion
     - Board Member Chris Fissell: 2nd
     - Board Chair Roger Noble: Approve
     - 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 Chair Roger Noble: Present
     - Board Member Chris Frissell: Present
     - Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Present
     - Board Vice Chair George McLeod: Present
     - Board Member Ruth Swaney: Present
   - **1.5.** Disclose any potential conflicts of interest
     - None
   - **1.6.** Board adoption of meeting minutes from 08-25-2026
     - Board Member Chris Fissell: 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
     - Board Chair Roger Noble: Abstain

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2. **Public Comment** (for items not on the agenda or non-action agenda items)
   - No Public Comment
   - Board Chair Roger Noble – Reminder about the upcoming Montana Water Law Conference 10/20/26-10/21/26

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3. **Board Business** (Board Chair & Finance Director)
   - **3.1.** Board Compensation for August 2026
     - 3.1.1. Discussion

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3.1.2. Public Comment
None
3.1.3. Approve Board Compensation for August 2026
Board Member Ruth Swaney: Motion
Board Member George McLeod: 2nd
Board Chair Roger Noble: Approve
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 August 2026
3.2.1. Discussion
3.2.2. Public Comment
3.2.3. Approve Board Committee Compensation for August 2026
Tabled for Revisions

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4. Funding Agreements (Water Engineer)
4.1. CSKT Funding Agreement
4.1.1. Discussion
4.1.2. Public Comment
None
4.1.3. CSKT Funding Agreement Approval for FY2027
Board Member Chris Frissell: Motion
Board Member Kenneth Pitt: 2nd
Board Chair Roger Noble: Approve
Board Member Chris Frissell: Approve
Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Approve
Board Vice Chair George McLeod: Approve
Board Member Ruth Swaney: Approve

4.2. DNRC Funding Agreement
4.2.1. Discussion
4.2.2. Public Comment
None
4.2.3. DNRC Funding Agreement Approval for FY2027
Board Member Ruth Swaney: Motion
Board Member George McLeod: 2nd
Board Chair Roger Noble: Approve
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. Resolution #2 (Legal Counsel)
~~**5.1. CSKT Funding Agreement**~~
5.1. Discussion
5.2. Public Comment
None

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5.3. Approve amendment to Resolution #2- Approved with Minor, Non-substantive Edits
Board Member Ruth Swaney: Motion
Board Member Kenneth Pitt: 2nd
Board Chair Roger Noble: Approve
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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6. Office of the Water Engineer Updates

6.1. WP&P Language Regarding Monitoring Wells

6.1.1. Discussion

6.1.2. Public Comment
None

6.1.3. Approval of WP&P 22-101 for 15-day Notice and Comment - Approved with Minor Edits
Board Member Ruth Swaney: Motion
Board Member George McLeod: 2nd
Board Chair Roger Noble: Approve
Board Member Chris Frissell: Approve
Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Approve
Board Vice Chair George McLeod: Approve
Board Member Ruth Swaney: Approve

6.2. 60DF Form Update

6.2.1. Overview

6.2.2. Discussion

6.2.3. Public Comment
Pat Lauridson, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Comments on the accuracy of the 30 day response period for applicants and on the numbering scheme where items were deleted from the form.

6.2.4. Approval of 60DF Form – Approved with Discussed Amendments
Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Motion
Board Member Chris Frissell: 2nd
Board Chair Roger Noble: Approve
Board Member Chris Frissell: Approve
Board Member Kenneth Pitt: Approve
Board Vice Chair George McLeod: Approve
Board Member Ruth Swaney: Approve

6.3. 60DF Fee Increase from $250 to $400

6.3.1. Overview

6.3.2. Discussion

6.3.3. Public Comment
None

6.3.4. Approval of Increased Fee
Board Member Ruth Swaney: Motion
Board Member Kenneth Pitt: 2nd
Board Chair Roger Noble: Approve

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

6.4. Permit and Change Work Group Update
- 6.4.1. Overview
- 6.4.2. Discussion

6.5. Strategic Plan Update
- 6.5.1. Overview
- 6.5.2. Discussion

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7. **Announce Next Meeting(s)** (Board Chair)

7.1. Next Board Meeting

10/29/2026

14:44:36

8. **End Public Meeting** (Board Chair)

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