



Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

DRAFT Meeting Agenda

Tuesday January 16th, 2024 1-5 PM

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

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96418814646>

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1. Call to Order (FRWMB Chair)

1.1. Opening Prayer

1.2. Attendance Present: Georgia Smies, Kenneth Pitt, Roger Noble, Rich Janssen, Shane Hendrickson.

Absent: Clayton Matt

1.3. Announce meeting minutes: <https://www.frwmb.gov> (cross-posted on DNRC & CSKT Websites)

1.4. Disclose any potential conflicts of interest none

1.5. Adopt Agenda **Board Action:** – Approved with 4 yes votes

2. Public Comment (for items not on the agenda) **Public Comment made by Jacob Fiestner of Plan 4 Approval in Polson, MT.**

3. Board Business (FRWMB Chair)

3.1. Approve meeting agenda-minutes from January 11th, 2024 **Board Action:** – Approved with 4 yes votes

3.2. Health Insurance Committee Updates Presentation given by Vice-Chair Noble. **Board Action:** – Motion to allow Roger Noble to contract with PayneWest to provide the OE two Health insurance options: Gold PPO 107 & Gold PPO HSA 135. Additionally, the OE will provide a stipend of \$850 per month to be used toward an OE employee's health insurance plan. Approved with 4 yes votes.

3.3. Consider 2023 Board Evaluation Board directed OE to summarize the process for this evaluation at the next meeting

3.4. Consider 2024 Board Training Needs open meeting law training considered

3.5. Consider 2024 Board Conference Needs a variety of conferences considered

3.6. Other Board Business none

4. Water Engineer Updates

4.1. Water Right Work

4.2. Budget Updates

5. Continued Water Policy and Procedure working session (Water Engineer & Legal Counsel)

5.1. Discussion and Workshop of WP&P The Board worked through the remainder of WP&P Section 22-117 and prompted Legal to provide comments and drafting on items 13 & 17.

5.2. Public Comment Jacob Fiestner made a public comment.

5.3. Possible Board action on WP&P (initiation of public comment period)

6. Public Comment

7. Next Steps/Meetings: January 23rd, February 6th, February 27th Next Meeting will be scheduled by a poll sent to each board member to find a day that quorum can be achieved.

8. End Meeting (FRWMB Chair)