

## Flathead Reservation Water Management Board Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2022

- Board Members Announced:
  - CSKT Tribal Council Appointees:
    - Clayton Matt (four-year term)
    - Teresa Wall-McDonald (two-year term)
  - Montana Governor Appointees:
    - Roger Noble (four-year term)
    - Kenneth Pitt (two-year term)
- Board selected Clayton Matt as meeting chair
- Informational Updates
  - Board jurisdiction summary
  - Registration is underway
    - Tribes gave an update on registrations of existing uses of the tribal water right.
    - The State also gave an update on eligible state-based existing uses registrations received at DNRC regional offices.
- Action Items
  - Board voted to conduct interviews for 5<sup>th</sup> member using lists from State and Tribes
  - Board voted to review and comment on draft Water Engineer Job Description
  - Board requested technical assistance from DNRC/CSKT on the following action items:
    - Drafting Operating Rules
    - Orientation Options
    - Drafting a Communication Plan, including Public Education
    - Drafting a Staffing Plan
    - Drafting a Proposed Board Implementation Schedule with a timeline
    - Fielding questions from the public regarding the Ordinance
    - Set up interviews for 5<sup>th</sup> member candidates
    - Approved holding interviews in closed meeting
    - Follow up on MOU between Tribes and State
    - Look at options for office space – including Polson and Ronan
    - Following up with a proposed next meeting date 2 to 3 weeks out from 1/20
  - Board requested more microphones