



# Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

## DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 18, 2024 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

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

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/99286100735>

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Updates and Board Action are shown in BLUE

### 1. Call to Order (FRWMB Chair)

1.1. Opening Prayer

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

1.3. Disclose any potential conflicts of interest

1.4. Attendance Present: Clayton Matt, Roger Noble, George McLeod, Georgia Smies, & Ken Pitt.  
Absent: Shane Hendrickson

1.5. Introduction – Intern with hydrology emphasis, Scott Ollinger, Salish and Kootenai College

1.6. Adopt Agenda **BOARD ACTION:** Approved by 5 yes votes

### 2. Public Comment (for items not on the agenda)

### 3. Board Business (FRWMB Chair)

3.1. Board adoption of meeting minutes from 5-1-2024 & 5-28-2024 **BOARD ACTION:** motion by Roger Noble to approve, approved by 5 yes votes.

#### 3.2. Board Compensation

3.2.1. Review board compensation for May **BOARD ACTION:** motion by George McLeod to approve, approved by 5 yes votes. Two small edits made to Ken Pitt and Roger Noble compensation.

3.2.2. Public Comment

3.2.3. Board Action on Board compensation for May 2024

#### 3.3. FRWMB and OE Building RFP

3.3.1. Public Comment

3.3.2. Possible Board Action on Building RFP **BOARD ACTION:** motion by Georgia Smies to approve, approved by 5 yes votes.

### 4. Updates on WRIS Project (Water Right Information System aka Database) (Pelah Hoyt)

4.1. DNRC Staffing Job posting closes Sunday 6/23/2024. Heather McAdams has taken on this role in the interim.

4.2. Permissions

4.3. Timeline for *Phase 1*: MVP (Minimum Viable Product) early September release date and *Phase 2*: Complete Product

4.4. Draft MOU

### 5. Strategic Plan Committee (Vice Chair & Water Engineer)

5.1. Response from City of Polson

5.2. Committee Identified Priority List for Water Rights Discussion of reprioritization of complaint process

5.2.1. Briefing - Water Right Application Work

5.2.2. Briefing – Significant WRIS Updates

### 6. Office of the Water Engineer Updates

6.1. OE Water Rights Application Report

- 6.2. Infrastructure/Office Building Updates
- 6.3. OE Phone System Contract Change from Nextiva to Vonage
  - 6.3.1. Discuss Proposal
  - 6.3.2. Public Comment
  - 6.3.3. Board Action on Phone System Contract Change **BOARD ACTION(S):**
    - Action #1 - motion by George Mcleod to approve, approved by 5 yes votes.
    - Action #2 – motion by Ken Pitt to approve, approved by 5 yes votes.
    - Action #3 – motion by George McLeod to approve, approved by 5 yes votes.
    - Action #4 - motion by Georgia Smies to approve, approved by 5 yes votes.
- 6.4. OE Computer Purchases – NTE \$7,000 – two portable workstations.
  - 6.4.1. Discuss Computer Purchases
  - 6.4.2. Public Comment
  - 6.4.3. Board Action on Computer Purchases **BOARD ACTION:** motion by Georgia to approve, approved by 5 yes votes.
- 6.5. OE and Board Government ID requested a source list and cost breakdown including GSA
- 6.6. Budget Update 6.6 was reprioritized as a main priority to the OE
- 6.7. OE Training Plan Update Board requested OE to generate training contract
- 7. **Summary of public comments received to date on WP&P sections (Sidney Palmer)**
- 8. **Introduction of Draft Development Domestic Allowance Forms (James Frakes)**
  - 8.1. Development Domestic Allowance (6DDF) Board directed OE to add additional well application to the development domestic allowance base application
  - 8.2. Additional Well Application (6WDF)
  - 8.3. Water Measurement Device Review (623F)
- 9. **Continued Water Policy and Procedures Working Session (Water Engineer & Legal)**
  - 9.1. Discussion and Workshop of Water Policy and Procedures; including but not limited to:
    - 9.1.1. Stock Allowance Section Boad consensus achieved
    - 9.1.2. Flathead System Compact Water
    - 9.1.3. Hearings Section
    - 9.1.4. Tentative Section on State-based Registrations
  - 9.2. Public Comment
  - 9.3. Possible Board action on Release of WP&P Sections for 15-day Public Comment Period
- 10. **Public Comment**
- 11. **Next Steps/Meetings – discussion of meeting times next board meeting scheduled for 6/25/2024 and 7/10/2024**
  - 11.1. **June 26, 2024**
  - 11.2. **July 10, 2024**
  - 11.3. **July 17, 2024**
- 12. **End Meeting (FRWMB Chair)**