



# Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

## DRAFT Meeting Agenda

Wednesday January 15, 2025 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/99414267351>

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### Amendments Made in Blue

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

1.1. Opening Prayer

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

1.3. Attendance: Clayton Matt, Georgia Smies, Ken Pit, George McLeod, Roger Noble  
Absent: Shane Hendrickson

1.4. Disclose any potential conflicts of interest None

1.5. Board adoption of meeting minutes from 12-16-2024 Motion Roger 2<sup>nd</sup> George Approved by four yes votes – Ken Pitt abstains

1.6. Adopt Agenda Motion by George 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken approved amended agenda by adding 5.8 by five yes votes

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

#### 3. Budget update (Fiscal, Counsel, & Water Engineer)

3.1. Discussion of Current Funds and Cautionary Spending

3.2. 2024 Funding Agreement - Budget vs Actuals for DNRC and CSKT

3.3. 2025 Budget Discussion → Budget Committee formed including Georgia and Roger

3.4. IRS Determination Board Action to approve receiving the 501C(1) Determination Letter Motion by Georgia 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Approved by five yes votes

#### 4. Board Business

4.1. Board Compensation for December 2024

4.1.1. Discussion

4.1.2. Public Comment

4.1.3. Board Action on Board Compensation for December 2024 Motion by Roger 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Approved by five yes votes

4.2. Board Committee Compensation for December 2024

4.2.1. Discussion

4.2.2. Public Comment

4.2.3. Board Action on Board Committee Compensation for December 2024 Motion by Ken 2<sup>nd</sup> by Georgia Approved by five yes votes

#### 5. Office of the Water Engineer (Water Engineer)

5.1. Office Updates

5.2. Staffing and Recruitment Updates

5.3. Complaint Hearing Updates

5.4. FSCW Application Review Update

5.5. Notice: Fee Waived for Pending Registration Ownership Updates using 620F

5.6. OE Computer Purchases – two portable workstations.

5.6.1. Existing Inventory and New Allocations – NTE \$5,000

5.6.2. Board Consensus on Computer Purchases Consensus

5.7. OE Employee Retirement

- 5.7.1. Delayed Payment and Roth Discussion
  - 5.7.2. Public Comment if Needed
  - 5.7.3. **Board Action if Needed** will address at a later date with the budget committee
  - 5.8. Recap of Health Insurance Meeting with Judy Sharp
  6. **WRIS Updates** (DNRC's Pelah Hoyt)  
7 & 8 Tabled until further notice:
  7. **Existing-Use Registrations: OE & Board MOU** (Counsel and Water Engineer)
    - 7.1. Discussion of MOU RE: Board Receiving State-based Registrations from DNRC
    - 7.2. Discussion of Board Process for Storage and Transmission to OE
    - 7.3. Public Comment
    - 7.4. **Board Action on State-based Registration OE & Board MOU**
  8. **OE Personnel Policies**
    - 8.1. Section 10.06 OE Vehicle Policy Update (Policy Attachment)
    - 8.2. Section 6.04 Administrative Leave
    - 8.3. Section 10.06 Overnight Use of Office
    - 8.4. Other Personnel Policies
  9. **Announce Next Meetings: Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> & ??? January 22<sup>nd</sup> for remote meeting**
  10. **End Public Meeting (FRWMB Chair)** (Approximately 3:00 PM) Motion by George 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken approved by five yes votes
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1. **Call to Order Executive Session (FRWMB Chair)<sup>1</sup>**
    - 1.1. Discussion of Private Personnel Matters
    - 1.2. Discussion of Litigation Strategy
  2. **End Executive Session (FRWMB Chair)**

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<sup>1</sup> This portion is closed to the public pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §2-3-203(3), as the demands for privacy to discuss litigation strategy and/or personnel matters clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §2-3-203(4)(b), discussion of such strategy and/or personnel matters in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the operations of the Board. Board legal counsel will be present.