

Flathead Reservation Water Management Board Meeting Agenda

July 21, 2022 from 3:30-5:30 PM

In-person: Flathead Reservation Water Management Board Office
400 Main Street Southwest, Ronan, MT 59864

Virtual at Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/FRWMB-Mtg-July21>

1. Call to Order (Board Chair)

- 1.1. Opening Prayer
- 1.2. Attendance
- 1.3. Safety procedures and Covid-19 protocols
- 1.4. Announce meeting recording & minutes on DNRC & CSKT websites
- 1.5. Clarify public comment periods for agenda and non-agenda items

2. Board Business (Board Chair)

- 2.1. Adopt agenda
- 2.2. Approve minutes for July 7, 2022
- 2.3. Review of complete domestic allowance applications
 - 2.3.1. Application recommendations for authorization (Board-Anna Butterfield)
 - 2.3.2. Board Action on domestic allowance applications
 - 2.3.3. Applications in need of discussion (DNRC-Ethan Mace)
 - 2.3.3.1. Timing of putting water to use
 - 2.3.3.2. Water use standards ****NEW ITEM****
 - 2.3.3.3. Request to void authorized Part A and submit new Part A & transfer fee to another application ***COMBINED ITEM****
 - ~~2.3.3.4. Request to transfer fee to another application~~
 - ~~2.3.3.5. Amendment to authorized Part A application~~
 - 2.3.3.6. Withdraw request/refund request
 - 2.3.3.7. Possible Board action on applications discussed
- 2.4. Water Rights Database access and enhancements (DNRC-Pelah Hoyt)
 - 2.4.1.1. Board letter requesting access to database
- 2.5. Tribal existing water use registration update (CSKT-Mary Price & Christina Courville)
- 2.6. Office of the Engineer Operations
 - 2.6.1. Operations & staffing update through August 12, 2022 (Board-Anna Butterfield)
 - 2.6.2. Processing applications & staffing office after August 12, 2022 (Board-Anna Butterfield)
 - 2.6.3. Standing subcommittee meeting times (DNRC-Pelah Hoyt)
 - 2.6.4. Water Engineer/Manager recruitment update (Teresa Wall-McDonald)
 - 2.6.5. Legal Services update (Ken Pitt, Roger Noble, CSKT-Melissa Schlichting)
 - 2.6.6. Admin Assistant update & application review (Board-Anna Butterfield)
 - 2.6.7. Hiring business manager & water conservation specialist (DNRC-Arne Wick)
 - 2.6.8. Zoom recommendation: Webinar for \$790 annually (DNRC-Pelah Hoyt)

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- 2.6.9. Lake & Flathead records access requests for \$700 annually (Board-Anna Butterfield)
- 2.6.10. Grand opening recommendation (DNRC-Pelah Hoyt)
- 2.6.11. Public Comment on operations items
- 2.6.12. Board Action on operations items
- 2.7. Brief overview of scope of state-tribal technical assistance to Board & priorities (DNRC-Arne Wick)
 - 2.7.1. Office of Engineer operations, administrative assistance to Board, database enhancements, pre-review of suspended registrations, pre-review of 180-day registrations, interim process, DEQ subdivision process, tribal water rights registration, CSKT's work on irrigation project and other implementation duties, annual budget development, and unfiled pre-Effective Date existing uses.
- 2.8. Discussion on procedures development (Compact, Article IV.I.5.a)
 - 2.8.1. Adopting governing bylaws with process for approving procedures and forms (CSKT-Melissa Schlichting)
 - 2.8.2. Tracking document of case-by-case discussions (Board-Anna Butterfield)
- 2.9. DEQ Subdivision Application flowchart proposal (DNRC-Pelah Hoyt)

- 3. Other Updates**
 - 3.1. Board member updates

- 4. Next steps**
 - 4.1. Set next meetings and location
 - 4.1.1. August 4, 2022 and August 11, 2022
 - 4.2. Choose meeting topics
 - 4.2.1. Annual budget presentation/discussion (DNRC-Arne Wick & CSKT-Melissa Schlichting)
 - 4.2.2. Suspended and "180 day" Registrations update (DNRC-Arne Wick)

- 5. Public Comment**

- 6. End meeting (Board Chair)**

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