

Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

Meeting Agenda/Minutes (*final updates and decisions in green)

May 11th, 2023, from 1:00-5:00 PM
(Meeting time may run longer if needed)

In-person: Flathead Reservation Water Management Board Office
400 Main Street Southwest, Ronan, MT 59864
Virtual at Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96483770602>

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1. **Call to Order (FRWMB Chair)**
 - 1.1. Opening Prayer
 - 1.2. Attendance *5 voting members in attendance, federal member on scheduled absence
 - 1.3. Announce meeting minutes on DNRC & CSKT websites
 - 1.4. Adopt agenda *5 yes votes, with changes: 1) removal of item 6., 2) move conflict statement to new section 1.5, 3) add loan payoff topic
 - 1.5. (moved item) Disclosure of any potential conflicts of interests *One conflict on 14.5.2 due to familiarity with A/C contractors Chair Matt will abstain on vote
2. **Public Comment (for items not on the agenda)**
3. **Board Business (FRWMB Chair)**
 - 3.1. Updates from Board Members
 - 3.2. (new item) Approve final agenda/minutes from 05-09-2023 * 5 yes votes, one change – title to be “final agenda/minutes”
 - 3.3. (new item) Board to pay off loan for past computer purchases, approx. \$13,000 *5 yes
 - 3.4. Board Bank Account Signatories (Water Engineer)
 - 3.4.1. Updates to Bank Account based on bylaws and election – remove 3 FRWMB members
 - 3.4.2. Public comment on Bank Account
 - 3.4.3. Board Action on Updates to Bank Account *5 vote to depart from FRWMB Bylaws and keep all five FRWMB Board members on Glacier Bank Account and not change the FRWMB Bylaws to match signatories on Glacier Bank Account.
4. **WRIS Enhancement Charter from DNRC (Water Engineer and possibly DRNC) Discussion by Arne Wick**
 - 4.1. Discuss recent updates
 - 4.2. Discuss options for response
 - 4.3. Board direction on next steps (non-action item) *Water Engineer will work with DRNC toward MOU
5. **Office of the Water Engineer Personnel Policies (Water Engineer)**
 - 5.1. Discussion of OE personnel policies
 - 5.2. Public Comment on OE personnel policies
 - 5.3. Board action on OE personnel policies *No action taken, scheduled additional meeting to address Personnel Policies on 05-18-2023, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- ~~6. Domestic Allowances – Including Developments (Water Engineer)~~
 - ~~6.1. Discussion of updates – policies and Development Domestic Allowance Form~~
 - ~~6.2. Initiation of a public comment period on draft policies and form~~

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~~6.3. Public Comment on Domestic Allowances~~

~~6.4. Board direction on Domestic Allowances (non-action item)~~

7. Water Right Application Deadline Extension Form (OE Staff)

7.1. Discussion

7.2. Public Comment on Application Deadline Form

7.3. Board Action on Application Deadline Form *Approved, 5 yes votes

8. Water Right Withdraw Form (OE Staff)

8.1. Discussion

8.2. Public Comment on Withdraw Form

8.3. Board Action on Withdraw Form *Approved with one edit, 5 yes votes

9. Water Right Reduction/Correction Water Right Form (OE Staff)

9.1. Discussion

9.2. Public Comment on Reduction/Correction Form

9.3. Board Action on Reduction/Correction Form *Approved, 5 yes votes

10. Water User Complaint Form (Water Engineer)

10.1. Discussion

10.2. Public Comment on Complaint Form

10.3. Board Action on Complaint Form *Tabled for 90 days or until Office of the Engineer receives health insurance benefits whichever happens first. Changes: add filling fee, address health and safety, flow chart for appeals and hearings, and proceed with informal process.

11. Water Measurement Report Form (OE Staff)

11.1. Discussion

11.2. Public Comment on Water Measurement Report Form

11.3. Board Action on Water Measurement Report Form Approved, 5 yes votes

12. FRWMB Logo (Water Engineer)

12.1. View/Discuss Updates and Contracts

12.2. Public Comment on Logo

12.3. Board Action on Logo *5 yes votes on the use of 3 logo designs, pending cultural committee review lead by Board Member Wall-McDonald

13. Water Right Applications for Trusts and Corporations (Water Engineer and Counsel)

13.1. Discussion of the issue

13.2. Consideration of policies to adopt

13.3. Board direction on next steps (non-action item) *Water Engineer can ask for trust and corporation certifications when clarifications are needed, at the expense of the applicant

14. Water Engineer Report

14.1. Applications Processed

14.2. Office Updates

14.3. Associated Employers Contract

14.3.1. AE Services and Costs

14.3.2. Board Action on approval of termination of AE contract (\$650) *Water Engineer approved to terminate contract with AE, 5 yes votes

14.4. Extension/Modification of Contract: Water Right Specialist/WRIS Support (Butterfield)

14.4.1. NTE \$30,000 and 2 years; Temporary, As Needed, No Benefits, \$30.00/hour, Mileage

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14.4.2. Public Comment on Contract.

14.4.3. Board Action on approval of Butterfield Contract (NTE \$30,000/2 years) *Water Engineer approved to enter into contract with Butterfield, 5 yes votes

14.5. OE A/C and/or Heat Upgrades

14.5.1. Discussion: Quotes, Lease, eventual windows

14.5.2. Public comment on A/C and Lease Negotiation Agreement

14.5.3. Board Action on A/C and Lease Negotiation Agreement Tabled until approval of lease extension of Office of the Engineer in exchange for A/C upgrades funded by FRWMB

15. Public Comment

16. Next Steps/Meetings: June 8th at 1:00 PM Regular Board Meeting

17. End meeting (Board Chair)

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