

Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

DRAFT Meeting Agenda minutes with Work Session

Board decisions are shown in green.

August 10th, 2023, from 2:00 PM – 6:30 PM Meeting started 15 Minutes late.

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

Virtual at Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96671963234>

Join via phone +1 (669) 900 - 6833| Webinar ID: 966 7196 3234

1. Call to Order (FRWMB Chair)

1.1. Opening Prayer

1.2. Attendance Present: Clayton Matt, Georgia Smies, Teresa Wall-Mcdonald, Ken Pitt. Absent: Roger Noble, Shane Hendrickson

1.3. Announce meeting minutes on DNRC & CSKT Websites

1.4. Disclose any potential conflicts of interests no conflicts disclosed.

1.5. Adopt Agenda adopted with 4 yes votes.

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

3. Board Business (FRWMB Chair)

3.1. Approve meeting agenda-minutes from July 13th, 2023 approved with 4 yes votes

3.2. Approve meeting agenda-minutes from July 27th, 2023 approved with 4 yes votes

4. Hearings, Orders, Objections, and Appeals (FRWMB Counsel)

4.1. Hearing Examination Process

4.1.1. Introduce Flow Chart with accompanying Detailed Overview

4.1.2. Introduce Notice of Hearing (procedural document)

4.1.3. Introduce Templates for Hearing Process

4.1.3.1. Recommended Decision

4.1.3.2. Public Notice

4.1.3.3. Example Objection of Recommended Decision

4.1.3.4. Example Appeal to Engineer

4.1.3.5. Second Recommended Decision

4.1.3.6. Final Order

4.1.3.7. Example Appeal to the Board

4.1.3.8. Closing Order

4.2. Board Appeal Process

4.2.1. Introduce Board Adjudicatory Code of Ethics

4.2.2. Introduce concept of Appellate Procedures

5. Emergency Fire Use Reporting for Fire Uses (James Frakes)

5.1. Discussion & Draft Form

5.2. Public Comment

5.3. Board Direction – Prioritization, Form Adoption, etc. No action taken, waiting for comment from board member Hendrickson.

- 6. Water Right Verification Request for DEQ Subdivisions/Sanitation (Water Engineer)**
 - 6.1. Discussion & Draft Form
 - 6.2. Public Comment
 - 6.3. Board Action on Form Board approved with discussed amendments by 4 yes votes.
- 7. IT Plan (Water Engineer)**
 - 7.1. Discuss Options and Quotes
 - 7.2. Public Comment
 - 7.3. Board Action on IT Plan board approved engineer to work toward switching IT providers from Kelly Connect to First Call
- ~~8. Water Engineer Discussion Topics (Water Engineer)– Topic cut due to time constraints.~~
 - ~~8.1. Development Domestic Allowances Plan~~
 - ~~8.2. WRIS Updates~~
 - ~~8.3. FRWMB Sign~~
 - ~~8.4. FRWMB Website: 8-10 to 8-20 Board Comment Solicitation~~
 - ~~8.5. Other~~
- ~~9. Office of the Water Engineer Personnel Policies (Water Engineer) Topic cut due to time constraints.~~
 - ~~9.1. Working session on personnel policies~~
 - ~~9.2. Section by Section Discussion with Priorities:~~
 - ~~9.2.1. Exempt~~
 - ~~9.3. Public Comment on personnel policies~~
 - ~~9.4. Board action on portions of personnel policies~~
- 10. Board Member Updates**
- 11. Public Comment**
- 12. Next Steps/Meetings: Thursday Aug 24th & Thursday Sept 7th Board approved both meeting dates**
- 13. ~~5:00 PM~~ 5:15 PM- End Meeting Public Portion of Meeting (FRWMB Chair)**

- 14. ~~5:15 PM~~ 5:30 PM - Closed to the Public Executive Session**
 - 14.1. Personnel Issues
 - 14.2. If time allows – discussion of Litigation Matters