

Flathead Reservation Water Management Board Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2022

Meeting was entirely virtual

1. At 2:02 pm, Chairman Clayton Matt started the work meeting.
 - Board members announced themselves present in a roll call by Melissa Schlichting to document attendance:
 - Clayton Matt
 - Georgia Smies
 - Roger Noble
 - Kenneth Pitt
 - Teresa Wall-McDonald
 - (There were up to 17 people in attendance on zoom in addition to the 5 board members, 11 of them state or tribal employees).
 - Opening prayer given by Chairman (C.M.) Clayton Matt
2. Orientation Session 1:
 - C.M. Matt noted that today's meeting was a work session for board member orientation and there would not be a public comment period.
 - Board Member (B.M.) Teresa Wall-McDonald clarified that when there is a meeting with no official decisions made, the board is not required to have public comment.
 - Seth Makepeace (CSKT Staff) gave a presentation designed to be an overview of the Ordinance – topics included:
 - Physical setting
 - Existing Water uses
 - Intersection of Board and FIIP
 - Unitary perspective
 - Unitary Administration and Management Ordinance
 - Ethan Mace (State of MT staff) gave a presentation on the Registration of Existing State-based Water Uses on the Reservation, giving a detailed overview of eligible uses and the associated deadline for filing them.
3. Next Steps
 - There was discussion of another work session on 3/10/22¹ and a standard board meeting (which would include decision making and public comment) on 3/16/22.
 - Melissa at end asked for input on agenda for 3/10 by 3/7. Ken promised to distribute his ideas.
 - Arne Wick (State of MT staff) gave update on how the state and tribes are talking to qualified individuals to find a consultant to help board and OOE setup.
 - C.M. Matt requested any info updates on this by the next meeting, if possible.
 - The work meeting was adjourned by C.M. Matt at ~4:00 pm.

To see the full meeting video recording, go to the following url on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hcwEtKBk7LY>

¹ Please note that the 3/10/2022 meeting discussed here was cancelled the following week.