Flathead County Water District No.1
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Regular Meeting
June 17, 2026

Members Present: B.J. Lupton, T.J. Wendt, Bill Matthews, Bob Balding, Mark Johnson and General Manager, Cindy Murray

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mark James, Mimi Wildeman, Jeff Walla, Tamara Lewis, Charity Becker, Austinn Anderson, and Chad Wambach

Members of the Public Present: 6 members of the public were present (attached sign in sheet)

Meeting Location: 108 Cooperative Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

BJ Lupton, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m., declared that a quorum of voting Board members were present, welcomed the staff and public in attendance, and led the

Pledge of Allegiance.

Cindy Murray announced changes to the Agenda. Item 16 moved to follow the break. Bill Matthews moved to approve the Agenda, as amended, which was seconded by T.J. Wendt. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

The Board then considered the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2026. Bill Mathews moved to approve the minutes, which was seconded by T.J. Wendt. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

The Board then considered the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 13, 2026. Bill Mathews moved to approve the minutes, which was seconded by T.J. Wendt. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

The next order of business was the election of a Board Member to replace Jack Fallon who resigned effective May 31st. Staff recommended Bob Balding to complete Mr. Fallon's term, which will end on May 31, 2026. Bill Mathews moved to approve the election of

Bob Balding, which was seconded by T.J. Wendt. During discussion of the motion, Board President B.J. Lupton stated that the Board would like to thank Jack Fallon for his 38 years of service. The Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

Consideration of a recommendation to the Flathead County Commission for appointment as an Ex-officio Member of the District Board of Directors. Cindy Murray requested that this appointment be deferred until the August 5th Board of Directors meeting.

The next order of business was the Public Hearing on Proposed Water and Sewer Rate and Fee Increases and Changes. Cindy Murray presented the Rate Study done by Jacobs Engineering. Ms. Murray explained in detail that it will be a 5% increase in both Water & Sewer rates. She also went through all the Fee changes that would go into effect on July 1, 2026. Murray answered questions from the public and invited them to call or come in and talk to staff regarding their services.

Consideration of Resolution 2026-09 to provide for Water and Sewer Rate and Fee Increases and Changes. Bob Balding moved to adopt the Resolution 2026-09, which was seconded by Bill Mathews. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

The meeting was then recessed for 15 minutes.

Consideration of Resolution 2026-13 relating to Revisions to the District's Backflow Ordinance. Mark James presented the proposed revisions to the Board. Bill Mathews moved to adopt Resolution 2026-13, which was seconded by T.J. Wendt. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

Presentation of the Manager's Report by Cindy Murray and staff. Bob Balding moved to accept the Manager's Report, which was seconded by Bill Mathews. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote

Presentation of the Engineer's Report and CIP by Jeff Walla. Bill Mathews moved to accept the Engineer's Report and CIP update, which was seconded by Bob Balding. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

Consideration of Resolution 2026-10 to approve a Water Main Extension for 131 Cottonwood Tiny homes. Bill Mathews moved to adopt Resolution 2026-10, which was seconded by Bob Balding. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

Consideration of Resolution 2026-11 accepting the Water PER prepared by Great West Engineering. Bob Balding moved to adopt Resolution 2026-11, which was seconded by Bill Mathews. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

Consideration of Resolution 2026-12 relating to Reimbursement of Appropriate Costs in the Financing of the Cost of Lift Station 19 Phase 2 Improvements to the District's Sewer System. Bob Balding moved to adopt Resolution 2026-12, which was seconded by Bill Mathews. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

Consideration of applications for participation in the Wastewater Treatment Alternatives Advisory Committee. Based on applications and discussions with potential committee members, Staff recommended the following persons for consideration: Shane Reilly, Mireille Bierens, Charles Lapp, Tammi Fisher, Ben Dorrington, Mark Johnson, as a Board representative, Kim Thompson, Andy Hyde, Jacque McCall, Julie Spencer, and a City of Kalispell representative to be named by Mayor Hunter. Bob Balding moved to approve the recommendation of the committee members, which was seconded by Bill Mathews. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote

Consideration of Property/ Liability/ D&O/ Cyber Insurance Renewal and Workman's Comp Renewal. Mimi Wildeman presented the quote for all insurances with the increase of Cyber coverage. Bob Balding moved to approve the Property/ Liability/ D&O/ Cyber Insurance Renewal and Workman's Comp Renewal. which was seconded by Bill Mathews. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

Consideration of the FY27 O&M Budget. Cindy Murray and Tamara Lewis presented the recommended budget and answered questions. Bob Balding moved to approve the FY27 O&M Budget as presented, which was seconded by Bill Mathews. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote

Consideration of various Personnel Matters, including salary increases for FY27. Mimi Wildeman recommended that the Board approve a 3% wage increase for all staff and a 2% discretionary fund to be used for merit pay or other wage increases during FY27. Bob Balding moved to approve the 3% wage increase for all staff and 2% discretionary funds, which was seconded by Bill Mathews. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

Consideration of promoting Austinn Anderson to Field Supervisor as of July 1, 2026. Bob Balding moved to approve the promotion, which was seconded by Bill Mathews. Various members of the Board noted that Mr. Anderson's work was exemplary. After discussion, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Presentation of Oversight Reports. Bob Balding advised the Board that he had approved the Oversight Reports for March, April, and May 2026.

Bob Balding moved to approve reports for Checks Written, ACH, and Chase Credit Card Payments and accept the financial statements for March, April, and May 2026. Bill Mathews seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 10:45a.m.

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Mimi Wildeman

Submitted by
Mimi Wildeman, Secretary to the Board

BJ Lupton

Signed by B.J. Lupton President