

MEETING OVERVIEW

For the May 27th, 2026 YBFWRB Board of Directors Meeting

Please RSVP using this form: <https://ybfwrb.org/0527rsvp/>

In-person attendees at the Board's office in Yakima is encouraged.

The office is at [1200 Chesterly Drive Suite 280](#)

Link for remote participation via Zoom: The Online meeting option will start at 12:15 pm via Zoom. Here is the link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89993931512> Passcode: **12345**

NOTES ON DIGITAL MEETING:

1. *We are using Zoom. Please join the meeting 5-10 minutes early so that you have time to set up any required plug-ins, etc.*
2. *If you are having trouble joining the meeting, email or text Amber at (509) 453-6008; aknox@ybfwrb.org*
3. *Please do use the computer link so that you can view shared materials and use the chat bar to participate and request a chance to speak.*
4. *Use of video is optional but recommended.*
5. *Note that using computer audio and/or video requires a fast web connection; if your connection is struggling, call in via phone.*
6. *Use the raised hand function if you would like us to call on you to speak. We also use the hand function to call for Yeas and Nays on motions.*
7. *When not talking, please mute yourself on the Zoom meeting control panel to avoid feedback and background noise.*

Our meeting will start with a pizza lunch at 12 pm The online connection should be live by 12:15.

At 12:20 we will have YBIP Updates and discussion with Larry Matson, Director of the Office of Columbia River.

After that we have a presentation by Michelle Mercer of Grant County on a proposed local government focused Sage Steppe event.

About 1 pm, we will shift to reviewing potential updates to the Board's two-year work plan and budget. Our goal is to finalize a draft updated work plan and budget to share with the full Board membership at least 60 days before our Annual Meeting as required by our bylaws. Review drafts with annotations on proposed updates can be found here: [Work Plan](#) [Budget](#)

Comments and track changes can be made in the shared document and will be available for discussion during the workshop.

THE BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE HELD FROM 2-4 PM

ALL MEETING MATERIALS ARE IN THIS SHARED FOLDER: [May 27 2026 Board Meeting](#)

2 pm – 4 pm Business Meeting Topics

1. Introductions and Welcome

2. Agenda and Minutes

The Board will review/approve the agenda ([Item #1](#)) and the minutes from our April 1st Board of Directors Meeting ([Item #3](#)). The April 30th Executive Committee notes are also available for your review ([Item #4](#)).

3. Updates and Announcements

We'll share a brief power point with partner and program updates; Do also feel free to bring your own updates to share! Topics include:

- a) Fish run & water year updates
- b) Board 990 Form and Fincial Report
- c) April 24 Delta Celebration
- d) Recovery Program Updates

4. Public Comment

Members of the public will be invited to speak to any items on the agenda, or any additional items.

5. Correspondence

Unlike last meeting, we don't have much correspondence to highlight. One support letter (fro a Yakama Nation/Yakima County application to the Floodplains by Design Program is included in the packet for your review ([Item #5](#)))

6. Board Logistics

- a. **Financial Updates:** A quarterly Fincial report for January to March is included in the materials ([Item #6](#)); we'll give a brief review of the report and answer any questions.
- b. **Naches Forest Partnership Agreements:** We have several pending agreement approvals related to the Naches Forest Partnership (for the extension of our agreement with Katie Strahl for coordination support, and for potential new funding agreements with DNR and the Washington RC&D). These are not yet ready for signature, so I would like to request that the Board of Directors delegate authority to approve them to the Executive Committee with a one week email review period by Board of Directors members priori to signature. This will allow us to complete the agreements prior to our next meeting on August 5th.

7. 2026 Annual Meeting Planning

The Yakama Nation is on board to cohost our August 5th Annual meeting. We'll review a flyer ([Item #7](#)) and draft agenda for the day ([Item #8](#)), discuss invitations to be sent, and then review materials that will be sent to the full Board membership 60 days prior to the meeting, as required in our bylaws. These include:

- a. Potential changes to our work plan ([Item #0a](#)) and budget ([Item #0b](#)) which we will finalize review drafts for based on the discussion at the pre-meeting workshop.
- b. The proposed meeting schedule for Board of Directors meetings in FY 2027 ([Item #9](#)). Come ready to note any dates we may want to consider changing and give input on travel meeting locations and tours.
- c. Potential Bylaw changes (we have one simple proposal based on our previous discussion on changing the number of TAG members-see [Item #10](#); let us know if you have other changes for us to discuss.
- d. Potential changes to Board operating and personnel policies ([Item #11](#)) to be made at the annual meeting. Staff will prepare language for circulation prior to the meeting based on Board input at this meeting.
- e. Board nominations for Board of Director membership, officer appointments and Executive Committee members. The current lists can be seen [here](#). Come ready to discuss any changes that you anticipate or would like to propose.
- f. The draft letter to Bora members that will be send with the above materials prior to June 5th ([Item #12](#)). Your feedback is welcome (comments and track changes can be made in the shared document).
- g. Nominations for awards; we will **request that all members send in any nominations, with a short explanation of why, for awards to be given at the annual meeting, by June 5th**, so that the Executive Committee can review them and select awardees that will then be announced at the Annual Meeting.

8. Lead Entity Program

Cheyne will update the Board on our 2026 SRFB grant round; the Board's job approving the annual grant round and nominating committee members is done for the year, and the committees are going full bore evaluating the applications we received.

9. Outreach Program

Amber will present a brief overview of current and planned outreach activities. We will also review a proposed work plan for FY2027 state legislative outreach ([Item #13](#)) and review and potentially approve a post-session letter to legislators that includes a statement of policy goals for the upcoming year ([Item #14](#)).

It'll be a full meeting, so thanks in advance for your support through it!

Alex