

Minutes of the Maeser Water Improvement District Board of Trustees meeting held at 1:00 P.M. on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at 1063 North 2500 West, Vernal, Utah.

**Present:** Chairman: Richard K. Jolley, Trustees: Nolan Jackson, Kevin VanTassell, Robert Leake, GaLynn Oaks, Staff: Dusty McCormick, Andrew Dutson, Branden Lammert, Cameron Durrant

**Prayer:** Richard Jolley

**Pledge of Allegiance:** GaLynn Oaks led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

**Public Attendees:** Talon Mortenson Jones & DeMille engineering, Craig Nebeker Sunrise Engineering, Allan Hacking Ashley Valley Water & Sewer Improvement District, Shawn Lewis

**Approval of April 9th 2026 board meeting minutes:** Nolan motioned to approve the April 14th board meeting minutes with a correction showing that Cameron led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. Kevin 2nd, All in favor.

**Follow up April 9th board meeting minutes:**

**Painted Hills Well iron removal project:** Dusty reported that he had met with the Division of Drinking Water DDW and explained some of the district's constraints and concerns with the DDW. The DDW had no issues with the project and recommended that we move forward with project, including the design of the building and getting permits from the county. Dusty's main concern with the project is what will be done with the backwash, so we will be looking into that matter. We are currently waiting on a quote from Jones & DeMille in order to help us finalize the project. Talon expects to have the estimated cost from the engineers ready within the next couple weeks. Once the project is established, we will need to inform the local residents about the upcoming construction work.

**Personnel Policy updates changes:** Dusty reported that the staff are reviewing the draft of the new employee handbook.

**Report from Staff:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Review:** Dusty briefed the board on the quarterly financials for the district from 01/01/2026 to 3/31/2026

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>End Balance</b>
Zions Checking	\$486,529.00	\$190,031.00
PTIF	\$1,665,301.00	\$1,881,658.00
Savings Mountain America	\$7.00	\$7.00

Cyprus Credit Union	\$329,690.00	\$332,696.00
America First Credit Union	\$320,799.00	\$324,108.00
Golden West Credit Union	\$311,504.00	\$314,426.00
Utah First Credit Union	\$321,045.00	\$324,357.00
Chartway Credit Union	\$1,775.00	\$1,775.00
Kings Peak Credit Union	\$330,381.00	\$334,470.00
TOTAL	\$3,767,029.00	\$3,703,529.00

**Installed water connection 2225 West 3000 North:** Dusty reported that he and Branden have successfully installed a water connection for Ryan Hulet at 2225 West 3000 North.

**Painted Hills water seepage:** Dusty reported that he and Branden isolated two different sections of line to monitor for pressure losses. One section was temporarily isolated and then returned to service, while the other segment was isolated long-term. Results from the tests showed no indications of a leak. Dusty suggested that seepage may be coming from a ground water source. We will continue to monitor the seepage.

**Temporary Change Application canal stock:** Andrew reported that he is working on the application to convert canal stock from irrigation to drinking water in case of drought conditions.

**Consumer Confidence report complete:** Dusty thanked Craig Nebeker for completing the Consumer Confidence Report. It is ready to be submitted to the state and posted to the website.

**Lead Copper sampling 2026:** Dusty reported that there was no lead pipe connecting to houses on the district's side of the meter. We are also in compliance with the inventory required.

**Insurance reimbursement ULGT:** Dusty reported on the state of the litigation. Mathew Church will be acting as Maeser Water's attorney for the case.

**Sewer master plan update:** Branden reported he spoke with Bowen & Collins. He let them know that we had about 130 manholes that would need to be surveyed. The estimated cost for the survey update is \$17,000.00. Dean expressed appreciation for how prompt MWID was with the update.

**Sewer board report:**

**Board Meeting Report:** Nolan met with the sewer board. The bypass was completed in twenty-one days. During that time, the lines were re-coated and the concrete pouring was completed. Since the bypass was completed, we have had no reported problems with the odor. Work is nearing completion with the roof currently being put on the building, concrete being poured for the driveway, and the fence being reinstalled.

**New Business:**

**Designate bank account principal signatory for Zion's Checking, Savings Mountain America, Cyprus Credit Union, America First Credit Union, Golden West Credit Union,**

**Utah First Credit Union, Chartway Credit Union, Kings Peak Credit Union, and PTIF:** Nolan motioned to designate Andrew Dutson as a signatory for all bank accounts and PTIF. Robert 2nd. All in favor.

**Designate Personnel authorization / designated contact for all applicable entities, institutions, and vendors including Utah Retirement Systems and Utah Local Government Trust, IRS, and Utah Sate Tax Commission:** Kevin motioned to designate Andrew Dutson as an authorized / designated contact for all applicable entities, institutions, and vendors. GaLynn 2nd. All in favor.

**Designate official manager transition date:** Kevin motioned to designate the 15th of June as the official manager transition date. Robert 2nd. All in favor.

**Vernal City Notice of property annexation Main Street:** Dusty and Allan Hacking reported on the petition to annex area around the roundabout to be annexed into Vernal City. The annexation will take no current connections, but will take potential future connections on the undeveloped land. Dusty would like to take Andrew over to sit down with Quinn and see what we can negotiate in terms of the annexation.

**Review of bills paid:** GaLynn motioned to accept into the record without exception the bills paid from 04/01/2026 to 04/30/2026. Nolan 2nd. Richard yea, Kevin yea, Robert yea, Nolan yea, GaLynn yea. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Nolan made a motion to adjourn, Robert 2nd, all in favor.

APPROVED:

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Dusty McCormick, Records Officer

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Richard K. Jolley, Chairman