

Minutes of the Maeser Water Improvement District Board of Trustees meeting held at 1:00 P.M. on September 11th, 2025 at 1063 North 2500 West, Vernal, Utah.

Present: Chairman: Richard K. Jolley, Trustees: Nolan Jackson, Kevin VanTassell, Robert Leake, Staff: Dusty McCormick, Cameron Durrant.

Absent: Galynn Oaks

Prayer: Kevin VanTassell

Pledge of Allegiance: Branden Lammert led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

Public Attendees: Bart Jensen Jones & DeMille engineering, Craig Nebeker Horrocks Engineering, William Merkley UWCD, Marlin Mott, Marie Mott

Approval of August 14th board meeting minutes: Nolan motioned to approve the August 14th board meeting minutes with corrections, clarifying that the Division of Drinking Water would be charging the district \$0.0331 per 1000 gallons of water annually, starting July 1, 2026. Kevin 2nd, Richard yea, Robert yea, Galynn absent. Motion carried.

Follow up August board meeting minutes:

SCADA Painted Hills Tank: Dusty reported that we have SCADA up and running. We can now view the Painted Hill's Tank Level remotely. Both Dusty and Branden have the SCADA app on their phones and are working on putting it on the on-call phone.

William Merkley Uintah Water Conservancy District, Green River Pump Station Update: William Merkley spoke about the current funding situation for the pre-construction of the Green River Pump Station. The station, if completed, would be capable of providing the valley with up to 12,000 acre feet of water. Preconstruction activities would cost approximately \$4,000,000.00, with approximately 50% of that funding set aside for an EIS.

The Water Conservancy District is currently pursuing two different funding avenues for the preconstruction activities, through house appropriation or through CIB. Currently, the project has been included in the bill for house appropriation and the bill had passed the full house. It must now go to the senate where it will have an uphill battle to survive. Merkley described the Uintah Water Conservancy district as being cautiously optimistic of the bill's survival, but they have no timeframe of when congress will approve the appropriation. The CIB, meanwhile, offered a grant of \$1,400,000.00 with \$2,600,000.00 in low interests bond for 30 years at 1%, or about \$100,000.00 per year. The Uintah Water Conservancy District will be holding a board meeting on Tuesday, Oct 14 at 10:00 am at the conference center in order to discuss with potential beneficiaries of the project if they would be willing to help with some of the preconstruction payments. Kevin said he would attend. Dusty plans on attending.

Painted Hills Well iron removal project: Bart reported that he has had several discussions with the two iron removal treatment equipment suppliers. They got the latest water quality results back from the metals tests on the water. There was concern from one of the reports that there was not enough contact time to get the sulfur to precipitate out. They didn't have enough data to know if it was elemental sulfur or a sulfate that they were trying to get out. They are trying to figure that out. Bart spoke with the other supplier, they will need to update their treatment process based on the latest water sample. They are thinking they may propose a slightly different filter media that will help precipitate the sulfur out in real-time rather than waiting for it to get into the tank to precipitate out. The iron will be taken care of with the treatment processes. The turnaround with their answers has been slow, but one of the organizations is supposed to get Bart back information either 9-11-25 or 9-12-25.

A pilot test would need to be conducted to see if the filter media will work. Dusty expressed his desire to fund the project in-house rather than apply for funding through CIB, so long as the total project costs could be kept within the estimated costs of \$250,000.00 to \$300,000.00. Kevin agreed that \$300,000.00 was a small monetary amount to apply for CIB funding. Kevin Motioned to approve \$25,000.00 for a pilot test if cost estimates for a completed project fall within the \$300,000.00 range. Robert 2nd, Richard yea, Nolan yea. Motion carried.

Marlin Mott 10" Waterline Break, Property Damages: Marlin Mott and Marie attended the Meeting. Dusty reviewed the details of the waterline break and the damages incurred by Marlin Mott as a result of that break. Utah Local Government Trust will not cover damages, stating that Maeser Water has immunity from damages caused by a waterline break. Marlin Mott reported that as of yesterday, Utah Local Government Trust told him that they would cover no more than up to \$5,000.00. Kevin motioned to repair asphalt, pay the service master, and review the status of the cement and fix what we need to next spring. Robert 2nd, Nolan yea, Richard yea. Motion carried.

Report from Staff:

Sewer cleaning program underway: Twin D is working to clean the sewers. Dusty and Branden hung up door hangers to inform the public of the cleaning and marked the manholes. Cleaning will conclude in about one week.

Fire Hydrant replacement program: Dusty reported that we had identified 8 hydrants that we would like to work on between now and winter. Fire hydrants have been ordered along with new valves that will be placed in the hydrants. We are looking at about \$40,000.00 for the program cost.

Waterline break 3750 West 211 North: Dusty reported that he and Branden repaired a waterline break at 3750 West 211 North.

Water Right Committee: The next water right committee meeting will be September 14th.

Sewer board report: Nolan reported that the sewer lift station project is underway. Dean seems to be pleased with what is going on, particularly when it comes to the electricians. Nolan was not certain when they will start pumping on bypass as there are conflicting reports from salesmen and the operator on what size of pumps would be needed. Dean would like to replace all four of the 25-year-old pumps.

Safety Meeting: Dusty reported that Part 2 of the confined space entry program had been tabled and would take place this month.

New Business:

Resolution #25254 CANCELING DISTRICT ELECTION: Kevin motioned to cancel the elections and declare the recorded candidates, Nolan Jackson and Robert Leake, elected. Nolan 2nd. Richard yea, Robert yea. Motion carried.

Reconciliation August checking account and Treasurer Duties: Nolan volunteered to serve as a temporary treasurer. Robert Motioned to appoint Nolan as temporary treasurer. Kevin 2nd. Richard yea, Nolan yea. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee: Kevin motioned that Nolan fill in for Kevin during the next personnel meeting on Sep 16, 2025. Robert 2nd. Richard yea, Nolan yea. Motion carried.

Reschedule next board meeting: Robert reported that he would be unable to meet during the second week of October. The board decided to schedule the next board meeting for Oct 2, 2025 unless GaLynn Oaks made a recovery and was able to attend the regularly scheduled board meeting on the 9th.

Review of bills paid: Nolan motioned to accept into the record without exception the bills paid from 08/01/2025 to 08/31/2025. Kevin 2nd. Richard yea, Robert yea. Motion carried.

Adjourn. Kevin made a motion to adjourn, all in favor.

APPROVED:

Dusty McCormick, Records Officer

Richard K. Jolley, Chairman