

Minutes of the Maeser Water Improvement District Board of Trustees meeting held at 1:00 P.M. on June 12th, 2025 at 1063 North 2500 West, Vernal, Utah.

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

Prayer: Bart Jensen

Pledge of Allegiance: Richard Jolley led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. Public Attendees: Bart Jensen Jones & DeMille engineering, Craig Nebeker Horrocks Engineering, Talon Mortenson, Davis Smuin, Lana Lacore representing Eric Pye.

Approval of May 8th board meeting minutes and May 19 special meeting minutes: Nolan motioned to approve the May 8th board meeting minutes and the May 19 special meeting minutes. Kevin seconded Richard yea, Robert yea, GaLynn yea. Motion carried.

Follow up May board meeting minutes:

Eric Pye water line extension request: Dusty reported on the logistics of running a line to the Eric Pye property. Kevin motioned to provide 50% of the equipment and material costs to construct a new water line to the Eric Pye property. Robert seconded Richard yea, Nolan yea, GaLynn yea. Motion carried.

Painted Hills Well, Iron removal project and funding: Bart Jensen reported that he had sent the flow information provided by Dusty to Newterra and is awaiting a reply. Once that information is received, Bart will compare costs with building on our own to see what the preferred option would be before putting together a CIB application. The board proposed to review the matter next month.

BLM public comment on proposal to improve access to Ashley springs: Dusty reported that the letter had been mailed to the BLM. We have received no reply since that time.

Report from Staff:

2025 general election candidates Nolan Jackson, Robert Leake: Dusty reported that all public notice requirements have been met. Nolan and Robert were the only ones to declare candidacy. Candidates can write in until the 29th of August. If there are no write-in candidates, the election will need to be canceled during the September 11th or October 9th board meeting.

PEHP health insurance premium refund of \$800.00: Dusty reported that the Maeser Water Improvement District had received a premium refund of \$800.00 from PEHP. This refund was expected and will reduce premium rates.

Complaint from Uintah County for placing pavement chunks on shoulder of road at 1591 North & 1605 North on 3000 West: Dusty reported that the Maeser Water Improvement District had received a complaint from the county about asphalt chunks being deposited on the side of the road. The asphalt chunks had been deposited at that location by Rex Huber. Dusty immediately responded to the complaints by personally cleaning up the chunks of pavement.

Customer complaint for work performed on water meter lid and ring at 1591 North & 1605 north on 3000 West: Dusty reported that the Maeser Water Improvement District had received a complaint about the work that was performed on a meter lid and ring. Rex Huber had installed the meter lid rings and had not done so to district standards. Dusty discussed how to properly raise meters with Rex after the incident while Branden Lammert properly installed the meter lid rings. After Branden had installed the rings, Dusty received a text from one of the home owners complimenting Branden on his work.

Water Right Committee: Robert reported that he has not met with the Water Right Committee.

Sewer Board Report: Nolan reported that he had met at the sewer plant and got to meet with the employees. Five contractors came out for a bid walk on the sewer lift station project. Bidding is due on the 22nd of June and closes on the 24th of June. The sewer board had purchased 40 acres of land from SITLA and were looking to rework their disposal sight for septic haulers.

Safety Meeting: Dusty reported that the next safety meeting would be about using the defibrillators. Kevin would like us to purchase portable defibrillators to have available while working around power lines.

New Business:

Vernal City public hearing updating annexation policy plan: Dusty reported that an invite letter from Vernal City was sent to each board member along with the meeting minutes from the last board meeting. Nobody from the board attended the meeting.

Uintah County incorporating a water element to the general plans survey: Dusty reported that he had received a survey from Uintah County. The board decided to table filling out the survey until the next board meeting.

Approve/Declare Certified tax rate at 0.000269%: Nolan motioned to maintain the current tax rate. Robert 2nd. GaLynn yea, Richard yea, Kevin yea. Motion carried.

Approve Credit to Burdick Materials due to meter calibration error: Branden reported that there was a calibration error on the Burdick Materials meter. The meter had been calibrated for 100s of gallons instead of 1000s of gallons. Maeser Water Improvement District has contacted Burdick Materials, informing them of the error and letting them know that there is a credit on their account of \$27,152.87 due to them overpaying because of the calibration error. Nolan motioned to recognize the credit. Kevin 2nd. GaLynn yea, Richard yea, Robert yea. Motion carried.

Select two board members to serve on Maeser Water personal committee: Kevin & Robert volunteered to serve on the committee. Nolan motioned to approve their service in the committee. GaLynn 2nd Richard yea, Kevin yea, Robert yea. Motion carried.

July Board meeting date change: The next board meeting will take place on the 8th of July. Public notice will be given 24 hours in advance of the board meeting.

Closed Session: Nolan motioned to go into closed session. Kevin 2nd Galynn yea, Richard yea, Robert yea. Motion carried.

Nolan motioned to come out of closed session. Robert 2nd, Kevin yea, Galynn yeam Richard yea. Motion carried.

Review of bills paid: Kevin motioned to accept into the record without exception the bills paid from 05/01/2025 to 05/31/2025. GaLynn 2nd. Nolan yea, Richard yea, Robert yea. motion carried.

Adjourn. Kevin made a motion to adjourn Nolan 2nd.

APPROVED:

Dusty McCormick, Records Officer

Richard K. Jolley, Chairman