

Minutes of the Maeser Water Improvement District Board of Trustees meeting held at 1:00 P.M. on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 1063 North 2500 West, Vernal, Utah.

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

**Absent:** Dusty McCormick

**Prayer:** Nolan Jackson

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

**Public Attendees:** Brooks Jones Jones & DeMille engineering

**Election of Officers / Board Member Positions:** Richard conducted the oath of office of Nolan and Robert. Kevin motioned to suspend the rules and keep people in the same position they were in last year. Robert 2nd, Richard yea, Nolan yea, Kevin yea, GaLynn yea. Motion carried.

**Declaration of Stipend Sewer Board Representatives:** Richard brought up that there was a declaration of stipend for sewer board representatives and the history of that decision.

**Chairman & Sewer Board Representative # 1:** Richard Jolley.

**Vice Chairman:** Robert Leake

**Treasurer:** GaLynn Oaks

**Sewer Board Representative # 2:** Nolan Jackson

**Personnel Committee:** Robert Leake & Kevin VanTassell

**Water Rights Committee:** Robert Leake & Kevin VanTassell

**Safety:** Kevin VanTassell

**Approval of December 11th board meeting and public hearing minutes:** Nolan motioned to approve the December 11th board meeting minutes. GaLynn 2nd, Kevin Yea, Richard Yea, Robert Yea. Motion carried.

Nolan motioned to approve the December 11th public hearing minutes. GaLynn 2nd, Kevin Yea, Richard Yea, Robert Yea. Motion carried.

**Follow up December 11th minutes:**

**Painted Hills Well iron removal project:** Branden reported that the filter has been installed and plumbed in. We are working on startup procedures, which involves loading a media with chlorine and purchasing an iron tester.

**Report from staff:**

**2026 year end reporting financial and operational:** Branden reported that we are working on year-end reporting requirements, including the division of drinking water and division of water rights. We will update on the status of the quarterly reports during the next board meeting. Nolan would like to see a source protection plan for the Ashley Springs.

**Sewer Root Cutting:** Branden reported that due to our camera being down for repairs, we outsourced to TwinD to help with root problem areas on 2000 North, 3500 West, 1500 North, and 3000 west near the residence of Clark and Lori Batty.

**Dump truck hydraulic pump replaced:** Branden reported that one of our dump trucks was brought in to Smith Detroit for repairs. A hydraulic leak was found and the hydraulic pump was replaced. Break sensors were replaced and the AC unit was serviced.

**Equipment maintenance:** Branden reported that he had purchased new oil filters, air filters, and fuel filters, for the district's vehicles. Branden also reported that we will be starting on the equipment maintenance as we find the time to do so. The Board expressed their desire to see the labor for vehicle maintenance outsourced for this year.

**Sewer Board Report:** Richard reported that the Sewer Board would not be meeting until January 13. Robert attended the Colorado River Water Meeting and reported on what was discussed during the meeting.

**Sewer steering committee met with Bowen & Collins:** The sewer steering committee met with Bowen & Collins to see if they would be interested in updating our current sewer master plan. We received word back from Bowen & Collins that they would be willing to do so. The sewer steering committee will need to come up with a scope of work for Bowen & Collins to obtain costs.

**Rural Water conference 02/23/2026 to 02/26/2026 Monday to Thursday:** Richard, Robert, and Nolan volunteered to attend the Rural Water Committee in February. The maeser water staff will register the board members for the conference and will reserve rooms for these board members at the Fairfield Motel for Sunday through Thursday Night.

**New Business:**

**Conflict of Interest:** Each member of the board and maeser water staff reviewed and signed the conflict of interest form.

**Statement of ethical behavior:** Each member of the board and maeser water staff reviewed and signed the conflict of interest form.

**Review of bills paid from 11/01/2025 to 11/30/2025:** GaLynn motioned to accept into the record without exception the bills paid from 12/01/2025 to 012/31/2025. Robert 2<sup>nd</sup>. Richard yea, Kevin yea, Nolan yea. Motion carried.

**Adjourn.** GaLynn made a motion to adjourn, Robert 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

APPROVED:

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Dusty McCormick, Records Officer

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Richard K. Jolley, Chairman