

Minutes of the Maeser Water Improvement District Board of Trustees meeting held at 1:00 P.M. on September 10th, 2026 at 1063 North 2500 West, Vernal, Utah.

Present: Chairman: Richard K. Jolley, Trustees: Nolan Jackson, Kevin VanTassel, GaLynn Oaks, Staff: Andrew Dutson, Branden Lammert, Cameron Durrant

Robert Leake joined by phone

Prayer: Kevin VanTassell

Pledge of Allegiance: Nolan Jackson led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

Public Attendees: Talon Mortenson Jones & DeMille engineering, Craig Nebeker Sunrise Engineering

Approval of August 13th 2026 board meeting minutes: Nolan motioned to approve the August 13th, 2026 board meeting minutes. GaLynn 2nd. All in favor.

Follow up August 13th board meeting minutes:

Vernal City Annexation protest update: Andrew reported that letters of protest were submitted by the Maeser Water Improvement District and the Uintah County. Willowbend withdrew their application, which stopped the process. Willowbend will make a future petition to annex land from the Ashley Valley and Maeser Water districts. We will speak with Willowbend to negotiate a new proposal. Whatever agreement is reached, we will need stipulations in writing.

Draft Personnel Policy update: Andrew reported that our attorneys have given us some feedback on the policy draft. We have a good list of applicants for the Water & Sewer Operator position and we would be ready to begin the interviewing process soon.

Painted Hills Well iron removal project and funding update: Andrew spoke to Bart. Bart discussed design ideas, which Talon shared. The plan is to build off the east side of the building. It will cost around \$610,000.00 for 16 X 20 addition and treatment facilities. We have until September 15th to submit an application for CIB. If we do not submit for CIB then, we would need to submit for February. Kevin motioned to continue with de-ironization and to get approval for CIB funding while matching \$100,000.00. Nolan 2nd. All in in favor.

Report from Staff:

New Connections: Branden reported that two new connections will need to be installed up in dry fork canyon nearby where Brad McClellan used to live.

Tree trimming completed: Branden reported that the tree-trimming has been completed. The tree trimmer notified us that some trees were in need of more water, so we will be increasing the amount of water we give those trees.

Painted Hills water seepage/water main repair completion: Branden utilized services of American Leak Detection. We were able to detect source of the leak, which was a rotted-out saddle. The saddle was replaced, which took care of the leak.

Second Quarter report update and review: Kevin reviewed the second quarter update. The report looked good and Kevin was satisfied with the district's margins. Andrew reported that we are insured up to \$250,000.00 for CDs and that some of our CDs are currently above \$250,000.00. The board will consider whether to put the excess funds in PTIF or new CDs.

Water Right Committee: Kevin reported that the committee has not met yet.

Sewer board report:

Board Meeting Report: Nolan reported that the sewer board met in August. The September meeting is postponed until next week. Painting and electrical work is all that needs to be done for the sewer lift station. There have been no complaints from the neighbors about odors coming from the station. The board talked about a refund from PEHP of \$3030.00. Dean had a American Overhead look at the overhead doors. It would cost \$107,000.00 to replace the old doors. Some of the doors examined could not be opened due to sulfide gas.

New Business:

Recent surface flooding: Branden reported that we had surface flooding at normal areas of flooding due to recent precipitation. There was no infrastructure damage caused as a result of the flooding.

2026 District water usage update: Andrew reported that we used 765 acre feet of water for the year. We can still take primary water, with 371 acre feet of Red Fleet water left for our use, which is plenty for when the numbers reset next month.

Board member training discussion: Andrew and the board discussed the need for the board members to complete their board member training for 2026. The training will be taken care of during the month of October.

Utah Local Government Trust Proposed 2026 Amended and Restated Inter-local

Agreement Discussion: Andrew reported that Utah Trust will be amending their agreement. The board decided to have Kevin look into the proposed changes before the next board meeting.

EPA Risk and Resilience Assessment: Andrew certified that the response plan & Risk and Resilience Assessment have both been completed and that the required certifications have been submitted.

2027 Budget discussion: Andrew informed the board that we will start putting together a new draft for a budget and that we will begin discussions of the draft during the next board meeting.

Closed Session: Kevin motioned to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel and policy. Galynn 2nd. All in favor.

Nolan motioned to go out of closed session. Galynn 2nd. All in favor.

Kevin motioned to go back into open session. Nolan 2nd. All in favor.

Review of bills paid: Nolan motioned to accept into the record without exception the bills paid from 08/01/2026 to 08/31/2026. GaLynn 2nd. Richard yea, Kevin yea, Robert yea, GaLynn yea, Nolan yea. Motion carried.

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

APPROVED:

Cameron Durrant, Records Officer

Richard K. Jolley, Chairman