

Minutes of the Maeser Water Improvement District Board of Trustees meeting held at 1:00 P.M. on October 2nd, 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: Galyann Oaks

Prayer: Dusty McCormick

Pledge of Allegiance: Richard Jolley led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Attendees: Craig Nebeker Horrocks Engineering

Approval of September 11th board meeting minutes: Nolan motioned to approve the September 11th board meeting minutes. Robert 2nd, Richard yea, Kevin yea, GaLynn absent. Motion carried.

Follow up September board meeting minutes:

Painted Hills Well iron removal project: Dusty reported on the progress of the Painted Hills Well iron removal project. He is working with two vendors, Flowpoint and Pure Aqua. Flowpoint offers a bio-type treatment that would use a bacteria to remove the iron in the water, with chlorine being added at the end for residual. Pure Aqua offers a green sands filter media and pre-treats with chlorine. Pure Aqua also quoted \$1000.00 for the pilot filter, making it much more economical than anticipated.

Report from Staff: Dusty reported that Marlin Mott's driveway has been paved.

Sewer cleaning program complete: Dusty reported that the sewer cleaning program has been completed for the year 2025. Due to inflation, Dusty is planning on making some adjustments to the budget. Dusty is also considering implementing a cleaning schedule in which a quarter of the sewer system is cleaned each year instead of a third of the system each year due to increases in cost and because our sewer system is typically not so messy as to need one third of the system to be cleaned each year.

Fire Hydrant replacement program: Dusty reported that we have received the materials and have replaced two hydrants. It takes about a week to replace each hydrant. There are eight hydrants in Painted Hills, which we plan on replacing this Fall.

Water line break 3616 West 1500 North: Dusty reported on the waterline break that occurred on September 26. Branden, Dusty, Cameron, and a crew from Weldon Construction repaired the break. Driveways affected by the water line break will need to be repaired.

County water plan review and comments: Dusty provided each attendee with a copy of the Uintah County Water Use and Preservation Element book. Craig Nebeker reviewed the contents of the document, which proposed a general plan for county water conservation. Robert expressed concerns that the language of the document read like established law rather than policy suggestions.

Water Right Committee: Dusty reported that we had not met with the Water Right Committee.

Sewer board report: Nolan reported that the next Sewer Board Meeting would be held on October 18th.

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

New Business:

Board member training open and public meeting act: Dusty presented the board member training video. After the video was completed, the members of the board took an online test and scored 100%.

Open Public Hearing Water Conservation Plan: Kevin motioned to open for public hearing. Nolan 2nd. Richard yea, Robert yea. Motion carried.

A Resolution adopting water conservation plan #25275: Dusty reviewed highlights of the conservation plan, including the map of the district and its facilities, the list of water rights, the water supply, and the district's yearly water usage, noting that the district has consistently conserved water in past years. Proposed conservation practices outlined by the conservation plan include using the district's current billing rate system, which acts as a conservation-based rate, educating the public, upgrading water meters, and tracking our progress at the end of the year.

Robert motioned to adopt resolution #25275. Kevin 2nd. Richard yea, Nolan yea. Motion carried.

Review of bills paid: Nolan motioned to accept into the record without exception the bills paid from 09/01/2025 to 09/30/2025. Robert 2nd. Richard yea, Kevin yea. Motion carried.

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

APPROVED:

Dusty McCormick, Records Officer

Richard K. Jolley, Chairman

