

Minutes of the Maeser Water Improvement District Board of Trustees meeting held at 1:00 P.M. on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 1063 North 2500 West, Vernal, Utah.

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

**Absent:** GaLynn Oaks

**Prayer:** Cameron Durrant

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Robert Leake led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

**Public Attendees:** Talon Mortenson Jones & DeMille engineering

**Approval of January 8th 2026 board meeting minutes:** Kevin motioned to approve the January 8th board meeting minutes with corrections, clarifying that he was a voter of “yea” in the election of officers. Robert 2nd, Kevin Yea, Robert Yea, Nolan Yea, Richard Yea. Motion carried.

**Follow up January 8th board meeting minutes:**

**Painted Hills Well iron removal project:** Dusty reported that the well has been plumbed in. Dusty was able to charge the filter with chlorine and was able to send pre-filtered and post-filtered samples to Chemtech. Results for the first test showed that the iron level going into the filter was under .6. Results for the second test showed that the iron level going into the filter was under .3. Both post filters for the tests were non-detect. Water samples were brought in for smell and taste sampling by the attendees of the board meeting. Nolan motioned to move forward with the filter project. Robert 2nd. Nolan yea, Richard Yea, Kevin Yea Robert Yea. Motion carried.

**Rural Water Conference 02/23/2026 to 02/26/2026 Monday to Thursday:** The board members who were going to attend the Rural Water Conference, Richard Jolley, Robert Leake, and Nolan Jackson, were given packets containing their registration tickets and hotel reservations.

**Report from Staff:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Review:** Dusty briefed the board on the quarterly financials for the district from 01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>End Balance</b>
Zions Checking	\$498,381.00	\$486,529.00
PTIF	\$1,593,852.00	\$1,665,301.00

Savings Mountain America	\$7.00	\$7.00
Cyprus Credit Union	\$317,774.00	\$329,690.00
America First Credit Union	\$307,719.00	\$320,799.00
Golden West Credit Union	\$299,967.00	\$311,504.00
Utah First Credit Union	\$307,956.00	\$321,045.00
Chartway Credit Union	\$1,774.00	\$1,775.00
Mountain America CD	\$304,094.00	\$304,094.00
Kings Peak Credit Union	\$314,302.00	\$330,381.00
TOTAL	\$3,945,826.00	\$3,767,029.00

**Sewer back-up Pheasant Acres Sub:** Dusty reported that there was a sewer back-up at the Pheasant Acres subdivision. Dusty and Branden jetted the sewer line where the plug was before returning to video the line. Dusty and Branden found that one section of the eight-inch line had been split longways where roots had grown in. Dusty and Branden were able to cut out the roots that were damaging the line. After removing the roots, Dusty and Branden ran the camera through the line, but the camera fell on its side and got pinched. After the camera was stuck, Dusty and Branden called up Vernal City to help hook up a tow rope to the camera winch so that the camera could be removed. Dusty will continue to monitor the line, will call bluestakes, and will continue work on the line during the spring.

**Painted Hills water seepage:** Dusty reported that there has been water that has been seeping into the Painted Hills subdivision for years. The water seepage was gone for some time, but it has reappeared recently. We have taken water samples and no chlorine was found in those samples. Branden has been in the area with sound equipment to attempt to locate a leak, but was unable to find one. Dusty wrote a letter explaining what has been done to the homeowners affected by the water seepage.

**Annual reporting complete office:** Dusty reported that Branden and Cameron have completed the annual reporting. Certain reports such as the Waste Water Self Assessment along with water sampling will be continuing through June of this year.

**11 lot subdivision Ruby Fields 2026 West 1500 North William Holfeltz:** Nolan motioned to approve 11 connections to the Ruby Fields subdivision. Robert yea, Nolan yea, Robert yea, Richard yea, Kevin yea. Motion carried.

**Sewer board report:**

**Board Meeting Report:** Nolan and Richard attended the meeting. The board are planning on having the firm, Borens and Collins, update the sewer system master plan and keep it updated. They calculated a total cost of approximately \$125,000.00 funding for scope of work and engineering. They are requesting that each of the entities pay some money for surveying the manholes so that they can put the master plan together. We must agree to pay for our portion of the placement of the manholes and have to help locate the manholes. We estimate that there are about 50 manholes. Kevin motioned to join in the survey of the manholes. Nolan 2nd, Richard

yea, Kevin yea, Nolan yea, Robert yea. Motion carried. Brandon will call Dean to say the board approved.

**New Business:**

**Approve stipend sewer board members:** Richard reviewed a letter explaining that the members of the Maeser Water Improvement District board of trustees have budgeted for a stipend to the sewer board members and explained that the letter would need to be signed in order to show that the members of the board have approved the stipend. Kevin motioned to sign the letter. Robert 2nd. Richard yea, Kevin yea, Robert yea, Nolan yea. Motion carried.

**Uintah Water Conservancy District payment check #020095 \$64,142.40:** Nolan motioned to pay the Uintah Water Conservancy District check #20095. Kevin 2nd, Richard yea, Nolan yea, Kevin yea, Robert yea. Motion carried.

**Transfer funds from checking to PTIF approval:** Branden reported that we have a little over \$520,000.00 in our checking account. We typically try to keep approximately \$200,000.00 to \$250,000.00 in the checking account before creating another CD or go into PTIF with the remaining funds. Dusty proposed moving \$150,000.00 to \$200,000.00 to PTIF. Kevin motioned to keep the funds in a PTIF. Robert 2nd. Richard yea, Kevin yea, Robert yea, Nolan yea. Motion carried.

**Retirement incentive planning and discussion:** Dusty discussed his and Branden's retirement plans with the board. Dusty will arrive at 30 years of service this year and Branden will reach 27 years of service this year. The board discussed hiring replacements for Dusty and Branden.

**Open positions, planning & advertisements:** Cameron made copies of the job position advertisements and distributed them to the members of the board to inspect. The board determined to post the job advertisements for a district manager, assistant manager, and system operator. The board discussed offering a wage of \$80,000+ annually, depending on experience, for a system operator, \$95,000+ annually, depending on experience, for an assistant manager, and \$110,000+ annually, depending on experience, for a district manager.

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

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

**Indemnification agreement:** Nolan motioned to indemnify Dusty and Branden. Robert 2nd. Richard yea, Nolan yea, Robert yea, Kevin yea. Motion carried.

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

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

APPROVED:

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Dusty McCormick, Records Officer

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Richard K. Jolley, Chairman