

ASHLEY VALLEY WATER
& SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
609 WEST MAIN
VERNAL UTAH

Minutes of the Ashley Valley Water and Sewer Improvement District Special Meeting, held on Tuesday April 15, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in the conference room of the District Office located at 609 West Main, Vernal Utah.

IN ATTENDANCE

Boyd Workman	Chairperson
Brownie Tomlinson	Vice-Chairperson
Max Haslem	Trustee
Dean Baker	Trustee
David Hatch	Trustee
Ryan Goodrich	District Manager
Nora Garcia	District Clerk
Allen Hacking	Assistant Manager

Chairman Workman opened the meeting at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed all that were present.

Present for today's meeting Trudy Wheeler with Jensen Water, Mike Cook, Willis Lefevre, Bart Jensen with Jones and DeMille Engineers, Sarah John, Aaron Averett and Benjamin Smith with Sunrise Engineers, Wayne Simper, Pam Clinch and Ryan Mower P.G. Hydrogeologist.

Minutes

Max made the motion to approve the March 12, 2025 and March 18, 2025 minutes, seconded by Dave, passed unanimously.

Sara John (cost share)

Last month Sara asked the board if the district would be willing to cost share on water and sewer lines at her property 2450 E 2625 S, (eventually 7 connections). The board asked Ryan and Allen to get cost estimates. Brownie made the motion for the district to purchase the parts, at approximately \$22,706.00 with Sara providing the labor using George Weldon's estimate of \$23,448.00. Provisions to this motion is that 2 connections be purchased within 12 months, and a dedicated easement for the water and sewer liens. Dave made the second on this motion, those voting yes to this motion, Dean, Max, Brownie Boyd, and Dave.

Ryan Mower P.G. Hydrogeologist presentation

Manager Ryan Goodrich has been speaking with Ryan Mower about a possible study of a ground water source, (well) potential for a public supply. A hydrogeologist can help locate wells or inspect them for safe water, discover depleting natural baseflows in river and wetland ecosystems to help ensure water supplies are sustained. Brownie made the motion for Mr. Mower to present a proposal on the cost of this study, seconded by Dave. Those voting yes to the above motion, Dean, Max, Brownie, Boyd, and Dave.

Developed Area Maps

Aaron with Sunrise Engineering displayed and explained a map that they have been working on to show historical irrigable land, developed land, and dry land in the basin. Sunrise used information from a series of maps dating back to the 1950s. Aaron made it clear that while doing this study, they used the more conservative irrigable land designations and stated that there are other maps that show a much larger irrigable acreage. This more conservative approach shows that a little more than 1500 acres of irrigable land has been converted into developed (residential & commercial) land use types. The mapping also shows that in the valley approximately 3,300 acres have been converted into developed land since 1985. The board discussed the map at length, and requested that Sunrise add more details to the map, and break down land converted from each irrigation company.

New Administrative Building

There was a mistake on the advertisement of the request for public comment on the loan authorization, of the new building. It will be held tomorrow April 16th, at 12:00 p.m.

Update on discussion with Johnson Family Trust

Ryan reported that it is very favorable for the district to purchase land on the north side of the Johnsons. If the land is acquired, it would be for treatment plant enhancements. The discussions with the Johnsons will continue.

Water Outlook & Conservation Rates

Ryan reported that this year may end up being a drought year. The district took a 2% cut in creek flow, total snow fall was lower than normal, and Steinaker probably will not fill. Ryan suggests we do a conservation rate structure. If rates are changed, we will need to advertise, with a meeting to be held after 6:00 p.m. Ryan is to present to the board next month a conservation rate.

Spring Easement from Uintah County

Uintah County recently sent back to the District & Vernal City, modifications to the easement around the spring and desander structure. The county added language to the easement that would allow them access to the bridge for official county business. The board discussed the bridge, and the county's request. There was no motion made as the trustees wanted to know Vernal City's stance on the easement prior to making an motions.

April 2025 Expenditures

Nora reported on this month's expenditures. April 10th, and today's expenditures come to a total of \$485,995.25, being so high due to the purchase of six (6) new vehicles. The amount that did not make it in the report in your packet is \$93,024.53. This month's total \$579,019.78. Max made the motion to

approve the expenditures in this amount, seconded by Dean. Those voting yes to this motion, Dean, Max, Brownie, Boyd, and Dave.

1st Quarter 2025 Financial Statement

Nora explained that 25% of the year has expired. Our net position of assets is up from last year by \$549,458.13. Operating income is down from last year by 6.17%. Total expenses are down 14.98 % from last year. Operating income will increase when outside watering begins. Max made the motion to accept the financial statement as it was presented, seconded by Dave, passed unanimously.

Max made the motion to enter closed session at 2:34 p.m., seconded by Dave.

Return to open meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Max made the motion to adjourn at 4:36 p.m.