Goshen Valley Local District

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
16100 South 12800 West, Elberta, UT 84626
July 17, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Board Members present:

Braden Sheppard – (Board Chair) Teams
Brandon Andersen (Board Member and Treasurer) – EVA Office
Paul Munns (Board Member) – EVA Office

Consultants and Staff:

Dave Sanderson – Financial Accountant – Teams
Angela Wood – District Clerk – Teams
Tracy McDaniel – Deputy District Clerk – EVA Office

Public Attendance via Teams:

Melanie McVicker – Teams
Megan Robinette - Teams

Persons excused from attending:

Peter Gessel – District Counsel

The Board Meeting of the Goshen Valley Local District (GVLD) was held via Microsoft Teams and in person at the Elberta Valley Ag and Farmland Reserve, Inc. offices.

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. with Mr. Sheppard conducting the meeting.

1. **Welcome (Agenda Item #1 0:30)**

2. **Roll Call and Statement of Conflict of Interest (Agenda Item #2 0:47)**
   - Mr. Sheppard stated that he is the Chairman of the Board. His conflict of interest is that he works for Farmland Reserve, Inc. (FRI), the major landowner within the District boundaries.
   - Mr. Anderson stated that he is a Board Member and Treasurer of GVLD and that he is also the General Manager at EVA, the business that resides within the District.
   - Mr. Munns stated he is a Board Member of GVLD. He is also the Farm Manager at Elberta Valley Ag (EVA) which operates within the District boundaries, a Board Member of Current Creek Irrigation Company which supplies water to EVA
   - Ms. Wood stated that she is the District Clerk.
   - Ms. McDaniel stated she is the District Deputy Clerk.
   - Mr. Sanderson stated he is the District Accountant.
   - Ms. Robinette stated she is attending as a potential successor as District Clerk. Mr. Sheppard stated she is also an employee at Farmland Reserve, Inc. and works from the office in Salt Lake City.
   - Ms. McVicker stated she is also an employee of Farmland Reserve, Inc. and volunteers engineering services to GVLD.

3. **Public comment (Agenda Item #3 – 5:10)**

Mr. Sheppard asked if there was any comment from the attending public. There was no public comment.

4. **Consideration for approval of the April 10, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes (Agenda Item #4 – 5:30)**
   Mr. Sheppard asked if the Board Members had reviewed the pending minutes from the April meeting. All Board Members stated they had reviewed the pending minutes and there were no changes suggested.

Mr. Munns moved to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2025 board meeting as presented.
Mr. Andersen seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

5. **Board Financial report on current expenses (Agenda Item #5 – 6:10)**
   Mr. Sanderson reported on the year-to-date budget through the end of June, 2025. He reported that the scada meter was reset between readings. He stated the liability insurance invoice came in higher than the amount budgeted. Other than that everything else is in order. He asked for questions or comments and there were none.

6. **Discussion and Potential Board Action on a PTIF Savings Account (Agenda Item #6 - 7:50)**
   Mr. Sanderson presented information about bank accounts most Districts keep. GVLD currently has a checking account but no savings account. The checking account has very low interest earnings. A District may open a PTIF (Public Treasurer Investment Fund) savings account governed by the Money Management Act which restricts what the funds can be used for. The State PTIF account allows for a higher interest rate return on the savings account. He suggests a transfer of roughly $70K. The account will be managed by Mr. Sanderson; Board Members can request access to monitor the account. The use of funds is protected by the Money Management Act.

   Mr. Sheppard asked if there were any questions from the Board. Mr. Andersen agreed it would be good to transfer the funds and earn the additional interest. Mr. Munns clarified that Mr. Sanderson will be the only person moving funds between checking and savings. Mr. Sanderson confirmed and stated the transactions are governed by law. Mr. Sheppard said there is more information available at treasurer.utah.gov. Mr. Sheppard stated that he is also in favor of opening the PTIF account. He asked for a resolution to set up a PTIF account and authorize Mr. Sanderson to be the authorized individual to open the count.

Mr. Sheppard moved to open a PTIF account. He asked for a resolution to set up a PTIF account and authorize Mr. Sanderson to be the authorized individual to open the count.
Mr. Munns seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

7. **Report on MNWA/Goshen Valley Groundwater Model Resutls (Agenda Item #7 – 15:10)**
   Ms. McVicker reviewed the 2024 Groundwater Model Results and 2025 Proposed Plans presented to the Mount Nebo Water Agency Board. For all areas of focus there is a projection that water levels drop from 2024 forward. Included in the report is also a projection of when the aquifer could fail in each area of focus. Mr. Sheppard asked for questions; there were none.

8. **Report on MNWA Assessment Increase (Agenda Item #8 – 28:10)**
   Mr. Sheppard reported that he has received an assessment from MNWA for this project with increased amount due. Ms. McVicker said the original projection for funds for the Groundwater Management Plan was to decrease over time. This year, Mr. Sheppard said the assessment amount has increased and MNWA intends to send an additional invoice for $2,000

to $3000 at the end of the year. Further discussion was held between Board Members and Ms. McVicker. Mr. Sheppard asked Mr. Sanderson to increase the budgeted amount for this project in the 2026 budget.

9. **Report on the Farmland Reserve, Inc. Change Application Process (Agenda Item #9 – 37:20)**
   Ms. McVicker reported on the Farmland Reserve, Inc. Envision water change application status. Since the Welby Jacob canal studies have been completed, the change application moratorium has been lifted and Farmland Reserve hopes to have a hearing on the change applications this fall.

10. **Other Business (Agenda Item #13 – 40:20)**
    Ms. McVicker said that she has noticed the MNWA records are incomplete on the GVLD SharePoint site. She asked if she should collect meeting agendas and minutes from her email and add them to the GVLD files. Mr. Sheppard said the agendas and minutes are readily available on the MNWA SharePoint site and the decision was made that we do not need keep them on our site.

    Mr. McVicker left the meeting.

11. **Report on a Future Central Utah Water Pipeline (Agenda Item #10 - 42:15)**
    Mr. Sheppard reported Spanish Fork-Santaquin Pipeline Project is underway to move water from Spanish Fork Canyon through Salem, Payson, and Santaquin. The pipeline will then turn south to go through Mona and Nephi. There is plan for a second pipeline go follow Hwy 6 to bring water to Goshen. This pipeline is not expected to be worked on until 2035. The biggest effort right now is to move Strawberry Valley water from its previously intended use for ag water in southern Utah County to be used as drinking water.

12. **Change of District Clerk; Board Action Required (Agenda Item #11 - 44:40)**
    Mr. Sheppard asked for a motion to replace Angela Wood as District Clerk.

Mr. Andersen moved to appoint Ms. Megan Robinette as the District Clerk for the Goshen Valley Local District
Mr. Munns seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

13. **Other Business (Agenda Item #12 – 46:50)**
    a. Mr. Andersen asked about the status of the outstanding Board Member appointments. Ms Wood reported that Aileen Conder confirmed the receipt of both letters of interest from Mr. Andersen and Mr. Sheppard. Ms. Conder said she would add the item to the next Utah County Commission meeting. Mr. Sheppard said they generally meet every other week.

14. **Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2025; budget review only (Agenda Item #13)**
    Mr. Sheppard said there is a scheduling conflict on October 10th and requests the budget review meeting be rescheduled. After discussion, the decision was made to move the meeting to October 6th at 1:00.

Mr. Andersen moved to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Munns seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 pm.

I, Megan Robinette, District Clerk, certify that the above minutes are accurate and were approved in the Goshen Valley Local District Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held.

Megan Robinette

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