

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION
OF JORDAN VALLEY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**
(Approved February 11, 2026)

Held January 12, 2026

The Board of Trustees Work Session of Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District was held in person and electronically on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 4:55 p.m. at the District Administration Building located at 8215 South 1300 West, West Jordan, Utah.

This meeting was conducted electronically in accordance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act (Utah Code §§ 52-4-101 et seq.) and Chapter 7.12 of the Administrative Policy and Procedures Manual (“Electronic Meetings”).

Trustees Present:

Corey L. Rushton, Chair
Andy Pierucci (electronic)
Barbara L. Townsend
Dawn Ramsey
John H. Taylor
John Richardson
Karen Lang
Mick Sudbury
Zach Jacob

Staff Present:

Alan Packard, General Manager
Ben Stanley, General Counsel
Brian Callister, Director of Asset Management
David Martin, Chief Finance Officer/Treasurer
Eric Stone, Controller
Gordon Batt, Director of Water Quality & Operations
Jacob Young, Deputy General Manager
Kelly Good, Community Engagement Department Manager
Kurt Ashworth, Human Resource Manager
Shane Swensen, Director of Engineering and Water Development
Shazelle Terry, Assistant General Manager
Travis Christensen, Engineering Group Leader
Mindy Keeling, Executive Assistant
Lisa Wright, Administrative Assistant III
Martin Feil, Database Administrator (electronic)

Also Present:

Cheryl Wood, West Valley City Council Member, Newly Appointed Board Trustee
Shawn Koorn, Associate Vice President, HDR Engineering
David Robertson, Principal/Owner, LRB Public Finance Advisors, Inc.

Welcome

Mr. Corey Rushton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m. He welcomed Cindy Wood, noting that her appointment had been sent to the Utah State Senate for ratification.

**Review
agenda for
January 14,
2026, Board
meeting**

Mr. Alan Packard reviewed the January 14, 2026, Board agenda. Key items included the common consent agenda approvals, core mission and standing committee reports, and a resolution honoring Mr. Packard. He noted the financial matters would cover the budgeting calendar and documents related to preparation of the FY2027 budget. Mr. Packard noted Resolution No. 26-02 recommending the General Manager be authorized to approve payments for landscape incentive expenditures that exceed \$100,000 as long as the amount after reimbursement is within existing approval limits. Mr. Packard highlighted a pending water lease agreement with the Great Salt Lake Trust, a pipeline construction project recommendation in Herriman and Riverton, and a cloud seeding reimbursement agreement with the Utah Division of Water Resources.

Mr. Packard noted that Resolution 26-03 included several proposed policy updates including new ratification and data privacy policies, as well as updating purchasing thresholds for various staff levels including an increase in the General Manager's approval authority from \$75,000 to \$100,000 in the Administrative Policy and Procedure Manual. Chair Rushton asked how staff will balance operational efficiency with Board oversight on major expenditures; Mr. Ben Stanley, General Counsel, explained that inflation supports raising the threshold, significant or noteworthy items would still be brought to the Board. Trustee Dawn Ramsey asked whether other special districts have similar \$100,000 limits; Mr. Packard said some use more complex thresholds and that he would research examples for the Wednesday meeting. Trustee Andy Pierucci asked when the limits were last updated, and staff noted it was approximately three years ago.

Mr. Packard noted the meeting will include a closed session for discussion of personnel character and professional competency as well as potential litigation. This would be followed by consideration of a new General Manager employment agreement and a proposed confidential settlement agreement.

**Review of
Small Group
Sessions**

The Committee reviewed the discussions during recent small group sessions covering the topics of water rates, property taxes, and level of service budgeting.

Trustee John Taylor summarized the discussion on property tax and funding strategies, stressing the need for a long-term funding plan for operations and asset replacement to avoid reactive decisions that could harm bonding capacity and financial ratings. He emphasized the importance of a unified Board approach and clear communication of the District's asset life-cycle plan. Mr. Packard added that staff are preparing a memorandum outlining a proposed hybrid funding strategy for inclusion in future budget proposals.

Trustee Barbara Townsend summarized the conservation-oriented rates session, which reviewed the District's rate design history and the effectiveness of current tiers. Mr. Jacob Young explained that the discussion centered on balancing base rates, noting that higher base rates recover more fixed costs but can weaken conservation price signals during peak

summer use. Mr. Shawn Koorn with HDR Engineering, added that his team will provide further analysis when the Board considers final water rates.

Chair Rushton summarized the level of service budgeting session, highlighting the District's increasingly systematic approach to capital project prioritization and the challenge of balancing sustainable rate growth with rising maintenance costs. Ms. Shazelle Terry emphasized that strategic asset management and documented life-cycle planning are essential to avoid deferred maintenance that drives higher long-term costs. Mr. Brian Callister illustrated this point, noting that a \$10,000 - \$12,000 investment in vault painting can avert failures costing \$300,000 - \$500,000 to repair.

Trustee Ramsey commended on the depth and analytical transparency of the sessions.

Adjourn

Mr. Rushton called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Barbara Townsend moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.



Corey L. Rushton
Chair of the Board of Trustees



Jacob C. Young
Assistant District Clerk