

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JORDAN VALLEY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

(Approved May 13, 2026)

April 8, 2026

A regular Board meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District was held both in person and electronically on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 3:02 p.m. at Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District's 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:

John H. Taylor, Vice Chair  
Zach Jacob  
Andy Pierucci (electronic)  
Dawn R. Ramsey  
John Richardson  
Mick M. Sudbury (electronic)  
Barbara L. Townsend (electronic)  
Cindy Wood

Trustees Not Present:

Corey L. Rushton, Chair

Staff Present:

Jacob Young, General Manager  
Ben Stanley, General Counsel  
David Martin, Chief Financial Officer  
Shazelle Terry, Chief Operating Officer  
Brian Callister, Director of Asset Management  
Carl Wilkins, Director of Digital Services  
Gordon Batt, Director of Water Quality & Operations  
Kelly Good, Director of Community Engagement (electronic)  
Shane Swensen, Director of Engineering and Water Development  
Clifton Smith, Digital Solutions Group Leader  
Kurt Ashworth, Human Resources Manager  
Lisa Wright, Administrative Assistant III  
Teresa Atkinson, Administrative Assistant III  
Martin Feil, Database Administrator (electronic)  
Mindy Keeling, Executive Assistant  
Travis Christensen, Engineering Group Leader  
Wade Tuft, Water Supply Manager  
Jeanette Perry, Customer Services Supervisor (electronic)  
Jon Hilbert, Water Quality Division Manager  
Sam Mingo, Business Data Analyst (electronic)

Also Present:

Ammon Allen, Engineering Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy  
Robert Moore, General Counsel, Central Utah Water Conservancy District  
Greg Anderson, General Manager, Kearns Improvement District

Raymond Garrison, Director of Public Works, City of South Jordan  
 Jason Miller, Parks Manager, City of South Jordan  
 Colby Hill, Associate Director of Public Works, City of South Jordan  
 Tish Buroker, Mayor, Riverton City  
 David Robertson, Principal/Owner, LRB Public Finance Advisors  
 Brien Maxfield, Senior Engineer, Draper City  
 Justun Edwards, Public Works Director, Herriman City (electronic)  
 Branden Anderson (electronic)  
 Brittany Sorenson, Brown & Caldwell (electronic)  
 Greg Davenport, Utility Director, City of West Jordan  
 Brian Child, Olympus Insurance (electronic)  
 Clint Dilley, General Manager, Magna Water District  
 Jason Helm, General Manager, Granger-Hunter Improvement District (electronic)  
 Jonathan Bowers (electronic)  
 Mark Chalk, General Manager, Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District (electronic)  
 Matt Basham, City Council, Herriman City (electronic)

**Call to order and introduction of visitors**

Mr. John Taylor, Vice Chair, convened the Board meeting of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Trustees at 3:02 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2026. Mr. Taylor introduced the members of the Board and the public who attended the meeting both in person and electronically.

**Approval of common consent items**

Mr. Taylor presented the minutes of the Work Session held March 9, 2026; the Finance Committee meeting held March 9, 2026; the annual Board meeting held March 11, 2026; and the March 2026 Trustees' expenses report. Mr. Taylor called for a motion. Mr. Mick Sudbury moved to approve the minutes of the March 9 and 11 meetings, and the March 2026 Trustees' expenses report. Following a second by Mr. Zach Jacob, the motion was approved by those present as follows:

Mr. Rushton – not present	Mr. Richardson – aye
Ms. Wood – aye	Mr. Sudbury – aye
Mr. Jacob – aye	Mr. Taylor – aye
Mr. Pierucci – not present	Ms. Townsend – aye
Ms. Ramsey – not present	

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Core Mission Reports**

**Water supply update**

Ms. Shazelle Terry, Chief Operating Officer, reviewed water deliveries for the calendar year through March 2026, noting that calendar year numbers were consistent with the previous year. However, fiscal year-to-date deliveries were approximately 3% below the prior year. Ms. Terry reported that JVVCD is drawing more heavily on Central Utah Project water due to dry conditions that began in the fall of 2025. She noted that while JVVCD will manage through the summer, the lack of significant snowpack may lead to a difficult season.

**Water quality update**

Mr. Jon Hilbert, Water Quality Division Manager, provided an update on a new training program developed as part of JVVCD's strategic plan regarding public health stewardship. The training focused on disease prevention and the individual responsibility of staff to safeguard community health through proper operations and maintenance procedures. He detailed

the disinfection barriers used by JVVCD, including primary disinfection at the source and secondary disinfection throughout the system to prevent bacterial growth. He emphasized the crucial role of system operators in monitoring water freshness and maintaining security via SCADA systems to prevent contamination.

Ms. Dawn Ramsey arrived at 3:10 p.m.

**Consider establishing a water supply availability level**

Ms. Terry stated that as part of JVVCD’s Drought Contingency Plan, a Drought Monitoring Committee (Committee) comprised of representatives from JVVCD and each of its Member Agencies meets annually. The Committee met on March 19, 2026, to review current water supply conditions and criteria and to vote on a recommended water supply availability level for 2026. She explained that while JVVCD’s primary water supply from Central Utah remains at Level 0, the Provo River and groundwater sources are experiencing more severe conditions. The Committee recommended Level 1 availability, though the vote among Member Agencies was split between Level 1 and Level 2. Ms. Terry said drought response and conservation messaging vary with each level, and a hybrid approach between Level 1 and Level 2 is recommended to target additional water savings.

Mr. Andy Pierucci arrived electronically at 3:19 p.m.

Following extensive Board discussion regarding the need for robust conservation messaging and the risk of depleting reservoir storage, the Board expressed a preference for a more aggressive stance.

Mr. John Taylor called for a motion. Ms. Dawn Ramsey moved to classify the 2026 water supply availability at Level 2 to provide stronger financial incentives for conservation and to better preserve JVVCD’s two-year drought supply. Following a second by Mr. Zach Jacob, the motion was approved 7:1 by those present as follows:

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| Mr. Rushton – not present | Mr. Richardson – aye |
| Ms. Wood – aye            | Mr. Sudbury – aye    |
| Mr. Jacob – aye           | Mr. Taylor – aye     |
| Mr. Pierucci – nay        | Ms. Townsend – aye   |
| Ms. Ramsey – aye          |                      |

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Finance update**

Mr. David Martin, Chief Financial Officer, presented the February 2026 financial report, noting that JVVCD is on track to meet its budget. He highlighted that expenditures were unusually high in February due to the annual Central Utah Project payment. Mr. Martin also reported that JVVCD has spent all the proceeds from its last bond issue, and in estimating the ongoing capital projects and balance in the Capital Projects Fund, it is projected that the next new money bond issue will be needed by January 2027.

**Conservation update**

Ms. Kelly Good, Director of Community Engagement, summarized recent outreach efforts, noting high attendance at 1-2-3 classes held in partnership with Member Agencies. She reported that landscape rebate applications for

the new season opened on April 1, with over 140 applications received in the first eight days. Staff are currently busy scheduling site visits to facilitate turf removal projects.

Mr. Andy Pierucci left the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

**Financial Matters**

**Consider adoption of Resolution No. 26-07, "Tentatively Adopting JVVCD's Tentative Budget, Financial Plan, and Water Rates for Fiscal Year 2026-2027"**

Mr. Dave Martin, Chief Financial Officer, presented the tentative budget, financial plan, and water rates for fiscal year 2026-2027. He highlighted key aspects, including a water sales projection of 108,500 acre-feet, a 4.7% average water rate increase, and no property tax increase. He noted the use of the revenue stabilization fund to help balance the proposed budget. Details of the Operating and Maintenance budget were provided, noting increases mostly due to inflation, higher water and service demand, and infrastructure reliability. He gave an overview of the General Equipment Fund and Capital Projects budget. Information on outstanding bonds and the projected certified tax rate was also presented. Mr. Martin then reviewed the water rate calculation methodology, cost of service analysis, and the resulting tentative water rates for Member Agencies and retail customers, along with the summary of fees. He recommended tentatively adopting the tentative budget, financial plan, and water rates for fiscal year 2026-2027.

Mr. Taylor called for a motion on the recommendation. Mr. John Richardson moved to approve Resolution No. 26-07, "Tentatively Adopting JVVCD's Tentative Budget, Financial Plan, and Water Rates for Fiscal Year 2026-2027". Following a second by Mr. Mick Sudbury, the motion was unanimously approved by those present as follows:

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| Mr. Rushton – not present  | Mr. Richardson – aye |
| Ms. Wood – aye             | Mr. Sudbury – aye    |
| Mr. Jacob – aye            | Mr. Taylor – aye     |
| Mr. Pierucci – not present | Ms. Townsend – aye   |
| Ms. Ramsey – aye           |                      |

**Consider setting public hearing date on May 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. for proposed fiscal year 2026-2027 budget, water rates, and fees**

Mr. Martin recommended setting a public hearing date for May 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. for the proposed fiscal year 2026-2027 budget and water rates.

Mr. Taylor called for a motion on the recommendation. Mr. Mick Sudbury moved to set a public hearing date on May 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. for the proposed fiscal year 2026-2027 budget and water rates. Following a second by Mr. Zach Jacob, the motion was unanimously approved by those present as follows:

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| Mr. Rushton – not present  | Mr. Richardson – aye |
| Ms. Wood – aye             | Mr. Sudbury – aye    |
| Mr. Jacob – aye            | Mr. Taylor – aye     |
| Mr. Pierucci – not present | Ms. Townsend – aye   |
| Ms. Ramsey – aye           |                      |

**Consider award of professional services contract for**

Mr. Martin said JVVCD is required to have an audit of its financial statements completed by a certified public accountant which provides an opinion of reasonable assurance that JVVCD's financial statements are fairly presented. Utah Code states that the JVVCD Board of Trustees shall

**independent auditor services**

appoint an auditor to perform the audit and report its findings to the Board of Trustees and the Audit Committee. Mr. Martin said staff completed a Request for Proposals process and four proposals were received from qualified firms. Mr. Martin recommended awarding a professional services contract for independent auditor services to Gilbert & Stewart, CPA's, in the amount of \$133,000, which amount is for the full five years of the contract.

Mr. Taylor called for a motion on the recommendation. Ms. Cindy Wood moved to award a professional services contract for independent auditor services to Gilbert & Stewart, CPAs, in the amount of \$133,000. Following a second by Ms. Barbara Townsend, the motion was unanimously approved as follows:

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| Mr. Rushton – not present  | Mr. Richardson – aye |
| Ms. Wood – aye             | Mr. Sudbury – aye    |
| Mr. Jacob – aye            | Mr. Taylor – aye     |
| Mr. Pierucci – not present | Ms. Townsend – aye   |
| Ms. Ramsey – aye           |                      |

**Asset Reliability & Management activities**

**Consider approval of expenditure to purchase vehicles**

Mr. Brian Callister, Director of Asset Management, said staff annually assess the safety, reliability, and cost-effectiveness of JVVCD's fleet. Based on a recent evaluation, staff identified the need to replace two aging vehicles and procure an additional vehicle to support a new Electronics & Instrumentation Technician position. Utilizing the Utah State cooperative contract, the lowest qualified bid was submitted by Salt Lake Valley Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram for a total of \$134,295. He said sufficient funds are available in the current budget with a portion being cost-shared with MWDSLs. Mr. Callister recommended authorizing the purchase of three 2026 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup trucks from Salt Lake Valley Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram for a total of \$134,295.

Mr. Taylor called for a motion on the recommendation. Ms. Cindy Wood moved to approve the expenditure to purchase vehicles. Following a second by Mr. Mick Sudbury, the motion was unanimously approved by those present as follows:

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| Mr. Rushton – not present  | Mr. Richardson – aye |
| Ms. Wood – aye             | Mr. Sudbury -- aye   |
| Mr. Jacob – aye            | Mr. Taylor -- aye    |
| Mr. Pierucci – not present | Ms. Townsend – aye   |
| Ms. Ramsey – aye           |                      |

**Consider approval of amendment to Water Purchase Agreement and Petition with the City of South Salt Lake**

Ms. Terry recommended approval of an amendment to the water purchase agreement with the City of South Salt Lake to move their contract to a calendar year basis accounting. This change would align the City of South Salt Lake with JVVCD's other Member Agencies and simplify data reporting and analytics.

Mr. Taylor called for a motion on the recommendation. Ms. Dawn Ramsey moved to approve the amendment to the Water Purchase Agreement and Petition with the City of South Salt Lake. Following a second by Mr. Mick Sudbury, the motion was unanimously approved by those present as follows:

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Mr. Rushton – not present	Mr. Richardson – aye
Ms. Wood – aye	Mr. Sudbury – aye
Mr. Jacob – aye	Mr. Taylor – aye
Mr. Pierucci – not present	Ms. Townsend – aye
Ms. Ramsey – aye	

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**Reporting Items**

Mr. Ben Stanley, General Counsel, presented the quarterly Verification of Compliance, a practice recommended by the Office of the Legislative Auditor General for managing internal controls. He verified that JVVCD is in compliance with all selected legal requirements and internal practices. Since the previous presentation, updates included completion of annual Trustee training on the Open and Public Meetings Act and updating the Governmental Immunity Act database.

Mr. Travis Christensen, Engineering Group Leader, reported on the final completion of the Office and Critical Parts Space Expansion Study.

Ms. Terry reported on the monthly performance scorecard, stating that employee turnover has returned to the green target zone, and that JVVCD is currently fully staffed. She commented on Community Sustainability (GPCD) which remains in the red, indicating that current water usage rates are not on track to meet 2030 conservation goals. She also provided a quarterly update on Phase 1 of the Strategic Plan, noting that most items are on track for completion by July 1, 2026.

Mr. Young then reviewed routine reporting items which included facilities rental agreements signed by the General Manager, and media coverage.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Mr. Taylor reviewed upcoming meetings including the Annual Member Agency meeting, Tuesday, April 14, at 10:00 a.m.; the Work Session, Monday, May 11 at 3:00 p.m.; and the Public Hearing/Regular Board meeting, Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m.

**Closed Meeting**

Mr. Taylor proposed convening a closed meeting at 4:45 p.m. to discuss sale or purchase of real property and/or water rights or water shares. Mr. John Richardson moved to go into closed session for the discussion. Following a second by Mr. Zach Jacob, the motion was unanimously approved by those present as follows:

Mr. Rushton – not present	Mr. Richardson – aye
Ms. Wood – aye	Mr. Sudbury – aye
Mr. Jacob – aye	Mr. Taylor – aye
Mr. Pierucci – not present	Ms. Townsend – aye
Ms. Ramsey – aye	

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The closed meeting convened at 4:57 p.m. with the following Trustees present: Mr. John Taylor, Ms. Cindy Wood, Mr. Zach Jacob, Ms. Dawn Ramsey, Mr. John Richardson, with Ms. Barbara Townsend and Mr. Mick Sudbury joining remotely. Also present were Jacob Young, General Manager; Shazelle Terry, Chief Operating Officer; Ben Stanley, General Counsel; David Martin, Chief Financial Officer; Shane Swensen, Director of

Engineering and Water Development; Travis Christensen, Engineering Group Leader; Ben Perdue, Right-of-Way and Property Manager; and Mindy Keeling, Executive Assistant.

No votes or actions were taken during the closed meeting.

**Open meeting**

The open meeting reconvened at 5:13 p.m. Mr. Mick Sudbury left the meeting.

**Engineering & Water Development Activities**

**Consider sale of surplus property at 14800 South 1300 West, Bluffdale**

Mr. Shane Swensen, Director of Engineering and Water Development, said JVVCD owns approximately 1.27 acres of property at 14800 South 1300 West in Bluffdale City, which was acquired in 1983 in connection with a water shares transaction, and declared surplus in 2017 by JVVCD's Board of Trustees. Staff discussed the sale of the property with the Board in February 2026, and at that time the issue was tabled for further review and appraisal of the property. Mr. Swensen said a new appraisal had been completed, confirming the estimate of the first appraisal and recommended a sale price of \$520,000. It was recommended to authorize the General Manager to enter negotiations for the sale of the surplus property to Bluffdale City, including signing related contract documents; and authorizing the Board Chair to execute the final conveyance documents.

Mr. Rushton called for a motion on the recommendation. Mr. Zach Jacob moved to approve the sale of surplus property at 14800 South 1300 West, Bluffdale. Following a second by Ms. Cindy Wood, the motion was unanimously approved by those present as follows:

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| Mr. Rushton – not present  | Mr. Richardson – aye      |
| Ms. Wood – aye             | Mr. Sudbury – not present |
| Mr. Jacob – aye            | Mr. Taylor – aye          |
| Mr. Pierucci – not present | Ms. Townsend – aye        |
| Ms. Ramsey – aye           |                           |

**Adjourn**

Mr. Taylor called for a motion to adjourn. Following a motion by Ms. Dawn Ramsey, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

  
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 Corey L. Rushton, Chair of the Board of Trustees

  
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 Jacob C. Young, District Clerk