

**MINUTES OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF PLEASANT GROVE**

March 18, 2026

5:00 pm

PRESENT:

Mark Bezzant	Chair
Brian Andrew	Vice-Chair
Frank Mills	Secretary
Marty Beaumont	Board Trustee
Paul Pierpont	Board Trustee (Present by phone)
Neal Winterton	Board Trustee

STAFF PRESENT:

Denise Roy	Finance Director
Wendy Thorpe	Assistant Secretary

Excused: Frank Mills
Craig Veenker

The Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Water District of Pleasant Grove held a meeting on March 18, 2026 in the City Hall Conference Room at 70 S 100 E, Pleasant Grove Utah at 5:00 pm.

Chair Bezzant welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that Frank Mills and Craig Veenker were not present.

1. Open and Public Meeting Act training.

The meeting began with an Open and Public Meetings Act training video presentation. The approximately eight-minute training video covered the requirements of Utah's open public meetings law, including proper notice requirements, agenda posting procedures, closed meeting protocols, and record-keeping obligations. Board members made light comments about the video's visual elements after viewing. No formal action was required for this agenda item.

2. Review and Approve Quarter 1 & 2 of the Metropolitan Water District Financials.

Director Roy presented the first and second quarter financial reports for the Metropolitan Water District. She highlighted that the district had received significant cash-in-lieu payments, with the largest being \$239,000 from the Boulevard Apartments development. The district had also made some water share acquisitions totaling approximately \$110,000. Denise noted that an additional 18 shares had been purchased recently but were not reflected in the current report since it covered through December. It was mentioned that other entities had begun purchasing Pleasant Grove Irrigation Company (PGIC) shares,

creating more competition in the market with entities having deeper pockets. Further discussion regarding the acquisition of water shares, with reports indicating approximately \$110,340 spent on acquisitions year-to-date. Board Member Winterton observed a trend of increased competition from outside entities for local irrigation shares.

ACTION: Trustee Andrew moved to approve the quarterly financial statements. Trustee Beaumont seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Board Trustee Members Andrew, Beaumont, Pierpont and Winterton voting Aye.

3. Review and Approve minutes of the November 12, 2025 meeting.

Chair Bezzant asked if there were any corrections or additions to the November 12, 2025 meeting minutes which had been distributed prior to the meeting. .

ACTION: Trustee Beaumont moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025 meeting. Trustee Andrew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Board Trustee Members Andrew, Beaumont, Pierpont and Winterton voting Aye.

4. Acquisition of North Union/Provo Bench Water Shares.

Chair Bezzant explained that this agenda item was added due to the dissolution of North Union Water Company and the distribution of water shares among stakeholders. He detailed that Pleasant Grove City held 28.74 shares, the Metropolitan Water Board held 54.8224 shares, for a total of 83.5624 shares. Pleasant Grove Irrigation Company held 200 shares of North Union. With North Union's dissolution, these shares were being converted to Provo Bench water shares, which would then dissolve into natural flow and storage components through the Provo River Water Users Association.

Trustee Andrew, who had been attending meetings related to this dissolution, explained that the Provo River Water Users Association required whole numbers for shares, so entities had to either buy up to whole numbers or sell down. The Metropolitan Water District elected to buy up, resulting in an estimated cost of approximately \$45,000. Brian noted this was a one-time opportunity, particularly valuable for the storage component.

Chair Bezzant expressed concern about keeping these water rights within Pleasant Grove, as the North Union shares had historically served the south part of Pleasant Grove through the Gardner Ditch. With North Union's dissolution and Lindon's separate arrangements for water delivery, he worried that shareholders might sell to outside entities with deep pockets, potentially moving the water rights away from Pleasant Grove. He proposed that since Pleasant Grove City and Metro control about 71 percent of PGIC, this would be an opportune time to transfer the remaining PGIC shares to Metro to keep all water rights local.

Trustee Winterton supported the concept of acquiring additional shares, noting that Metro was already purchasing all available shares and taking cash-in-lieu payments. However, he cautioned that PGIC has commitments to deliver water through the Provo River Association to shareholders, and any transfer would need to account for these existing obligations.

Chair Bezzant suggested the complexity required careful analysis of physical capacity and delivery commitments before finalizing any arrangement. The discussion revealed that PGIC utilizes city storage to help deliver water to shareholders during late season periods.

Trustee Winterton recommended that the board authorize the board president to work with the City on developing a purchase agreement for the shares, with details to be worked out once commitments and feasibility could be properly quantified.

Chair Bezzant emphasized his priority as PGIC president was keeping the water rights in Pleasant Grove, regardless of contract terms, and praised the collaborative work between entities on recent infrastructure projects including the American Fork River and Mill Ditch piping projects.

ACTION: Trustee Beaumont moved to approve a motion to move forward with the acquisition of water shares. Trustee Winterton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Board Trustee Members Andrew, Winterton, Beaumont, and Pierpont voting “Yes”.

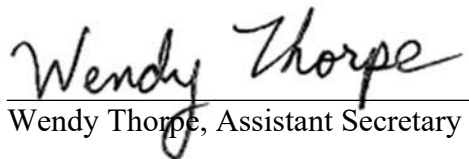
The board scheduled their next two meetings: April 29, 2026 for adoption of a tentative budget, and June 3, 2026 for approval of the final budget with required public hearing notice. An appointment reminder will be sent to each member.

5. Adjourn.

ACTION: At 5:39 pm Trustee Andrew moved to adjourn. Trustee Pierpont seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Board Trustee Members Andrew, Winterton, Beaumont, and Pierpont voting “Yes”.

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm.

The Metropolitan Water District Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2026 were approved by the Board on April 29, 2026.


Wendy Thorpe, Assistant Secretary

(Exhibits are in the City Records office)