MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JORDAN VALLEY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

(Approved July 8, 2026)

June 10, 2026

The Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District Board of Trustees Work Session was primarily held electronically, with an option for in-person attendance as needed, on Monday, June 10, 2026, at 3:03 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"). All attendees participated electronically unless otherwise noted.

Trustees:

Corey L. Rushton, Board Chair
Andy Pierucci
Barbara L. Townsend
Cindy Wood
Dawn R. Ramsey
John Richardson
John Taylor
Mick M. Sudbury
Zach Jacob

Staff Present:

Jacob Young, General Manager/Chief Executive Officer
Ben Stanley, General Counsel
Brian Callister, Director of Asset Management
Carl Wilkins, Director of Digital Services
Clifton Smith, Digital Solutions Group Leader
Courtney Brown, Conservation Division Manager
David Martin, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
Eric Stone, Controller
Gordon Batt, Director of Water Quality & Operations
Kelly Good, Director of Community Engagement
Kurt Ashworth, Human Resources Manager
Lisa Wright, Administrative Assistant III (in person)
Martin Feil, Database Administrator
Mindy Keeling, Executive Assistant (in person)
Shane Swensen, Director of Engineering & Water Development
Shazelle Terry, Chief Operating Officer
Teresa Atkinson, Administrative Assistant III
Travis Christensen, Engineering Group Leader
Wade Tuft, Water Supply Manager

Others Present:

Matt Basham, Councilmember, Herriman City

Welcome Mr. Corey Rushton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. He reviewed guidelines for the virtual meeting, requesting that Trustees keep their video on and remain muted when not speaking to ensure professional focus. Mr. Rushton noted that while the chat feature is available for clarifying questions, any substantial discussions must be conducted verbally for the official record.

Review agenda for June 10, 2026, Board meeting

Mr. Jacob Young, General Manager, reviewed the June 10, 2026, Board Meeting agenda, introducing a new "Member Agency Feature" designed to enhance stakeholder engagement. Chair Rushton explained that this feature aims to move beyond the status quo by inviting agencies to share their unique strengths and partnership opportunities with JVWCD, and that Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District was selected for the lead-off spot. Mr. Young also highlighted key items for the Wednesday meeting, including a water quality update on backflow prevention, the final adoption of water rates and the 2026/2027 budget, and the results of a routine fraud risk assessment. He noted that we would also be discussing a couple of member agency grants, the purchase of a dump truck, and a proposed change to a Key Performance Indicator (KPI) under water resource sustainability.

Mr. John H. Taylor, Trustee, joined the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Fraud Risk Assessment

Mr. David Martin, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2026 Fraud Risk Assessment, a tool established by the State Auditor's Office to reduce the risk of fraud through a point-based implementation system. He walked the Board through the various categories, emphasizing JVWCD's strict adherence to the separation of duties, such as ensuring that different personnel handle cash collection and general ledger entries. Mr. Martin noted that JVWCD achieved a perfect score of 395 out of 395. Trustee Dawn Ramsey expressed her appreciation for the staff's work, noting that a perfect score is a significant achievement.

Audit Committee

Training on roles and responsibilities of Audit Committee

Mr. David Martin and Mr. Eric Stone, Controller, provided training on the Audit Committee's roles and responsibilities, which follow best practice and state recommendations. Mr. Martin explained that the committee serves three primary functions: compliance oversight, internal control monitoring, and audit oversight. He described the various purposes of an audit committee and highlighted some of the functions. Mr. Stone added that while some committees are passive, this committee remains active in monitoring management and developing audit plans. Trustee Cindy Wood commented on the high level of confidence provided by having a former CPA firm partner on the staff.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Legal/Policy

Water budget policy

Mr. Ben Stanley, General Counsel, presented a draft of the new Water Availability Form, a key component of the new Water Budget Policy recently enacted. He indicated that the form requires developers to provide project characteristics, demand projections, and identify water sources, with options for a fee in lieu of water if a supply gap exists. Mr. Young noted that West Jordan City would pilot the initial rollout of the digital form to further refine the form before the full release. Chair Rushton suggested the form include information on whether proposed water sources require a change application, noting that municipalities need to be aware of any potential legal hurdles or objections early in the process.

Engineering & Water Development

Supplemental funding strategy

Mr. Shane Swensen, Director of Engineering & Water Development, and Ms. Kelly Good, Director of Community Engagement, introduced a new supplemental funding strategy intended to move JVWCD from a reactive to a proactive approach in obtaining state and federal grants. The strategy involves aligning priority capital projects with the federal and state budget cycles and utilizing consultants to maximize the value to ratepayers. Shane Swensen explained that JVWCD has been successful with funding through Representative Owens and is currently awaiting feedback from Senator Curtis on several projects. Trustee Dawn Ramsey recommended that JVWCD sit with our lobbyist, Marcus Faust, at least six months ahead of the budget cycle to identify which funds are likely to be prioritized.

Community Engagement

Member Agency grants

Mr. Courtney Brown presented two member agency grant applications. Kearns Improvement District requested $65,500 for its second year of water efficiency standards funding to improve technology and customer engagement. The City of South Salt Lake applied for a standard conservation grant of $52,040 to support three projects: an update to their water conservation plan, landscape renovations at their community center, and city-wide irrigation upgrades. Chair Rushton inquired about the success of the Kearns outreach across multiple jurisdictions, and Mr. Brown noted that the program has been working well without any reported setbacks.

Other Business

Mr. Young discussed logistical plans for the upcoming ACE conference in Washington, D.C., including a group baseball activity and a reception hosted by Marcus Faust. He noted that the reception would be a valuable opportunity for the Board to meet JVWCD's D.C. lobbying team. Mr. Young also reminded Trustees of the Annual Employee Retirement Plan Meeting is scheduled to begin immediately following the adjournment of the Work Session.

Adjourn

Mr. Rushton called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. John Richardson moved to adjourn. Following a second by Mr. Mick Sudbury, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Corey L. Rushton
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Jacob C. Young
District Clerk