

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF JORDAN VALLEY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
(Approved April 8, 2026)

Held March 9, 2026

A Finance Committee meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District was held in person and electronically on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 3:36 p.m. at JVVCD'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, Finance Committee Chair (electronic)  
Corey L. Rushton, Board Chair (electronic)  
Zach Jacob (electronic)  
Andy Pierucci (electronic)  
Dawn R. Ramsey (electronic)  
Barbara L. Townsend (electronic)  
Cindy Wood (electronic)

Trustee Not Present

John Richardson  
Mick M. Sudbury

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Matt Basham, City Council, Herriman City

**Welcome**

Mr. John Taylor, Finance Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. and recognized Trustees in attendance.

---

**Review  
proposed  
budget  
overview**

Mr. Taylor turned the time over to Mr. David Martin, Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Martin reviewed the budget preparation process, budget strategy and guidance, and parameters for the proposed FY 2026/2027 budget preparation. He noted the significant work done by all departments and the water rate consultant in its preparation over the past couple of months. He explained that the proposed FY 2026/2027 budget is based on 108,500 acre-feet of water deliveries, a proposed 4.7% water rate increase, property tax revenues of approximately \$33.9 million with no proposed property tax rate increase, and combined use of \$6 million from the Short-Term Operating Reserve Fund and the Revenue Stabilization Fund. Major uses of funds include: Capital Project expenditures, Operations and Maintenance budget based on level of service, a personnel adjustment of a 4.0% merit increase or step-increase amount, four new full-time personnel positions, and the required debt service payments on outstanding bonds.

Ms. Wood inquired about the fluctuations in net pension expense. Mr. Martin clarified that this is a non-cash item calculated by the Utah Retirement Systems based on market performance, and an estimated amount is included in the budget for reconciliation with accrual-based financial statements.

Mr. Martin then gave a brief overview of the budgeted reserve funding for capital projects and other reserve funds and mentioned that the 2027A Bond is projected to be needed by January 2027.

Mr. Rushton asked for clarification on the purpose and intended use of the Revenue Stabilization Fund. Mr. Martin explained that the Revenue Stabilization Fund was created in 2019 as way to reserve the revenues that were received in excess of the budget, and to allow them to be used at the Board's discretion for future rate stabilization, debt payment, capital projects, critical parts, general equipment, and one-time cost increases.

**Review  
proposed  
operation and  
maintenance  
expenditures  
budget**

Mr. Martin presented the combined total operations and maintenance (O&M) budget of approximately \$68.7 million, representing a 6.3% increase. Mr. Martin then reviewed each department's operation and maintenance budget and provided explanations for budget items that reach the threshold of increases over \$1,000 and three percent. Highlights from individual departments included increased security costs and facility maintenance in the Administrative budget, new software for information technology and critical parts for instrumentation in the Digital Services budget, and a doubling of public relations messaging in the Community Engagement budget due to drought conditions. Increases were noted in Water Quality and Operations for electrical power use due to higher water volume, as well as higher costs for water purchases and canal stock assessments. Asset Reliability & Management showed increases in general equipment and repair and replacement for critical parts, and utilities for the addition of the North Campus.

**Review  
proposed  
general  
equipment  
expenditures  
budget**

Mr. Martin stated that the General Equipment expenditures budget includes items that cost over \$10,000, have a useful life greater than one year, are recorded as an asset when purchased, and are depreciated over their useful life. Specific items budgeted for general equipment were listed. He detailed the importance of purchasing critical parts and explained that they meet the

threshold of being a fixed asset and is why they are budgeted through general equipment. He said the General Equipment Fund is funded through budgeted transfers of funds from the Revenue Fund and sometimes the Revenue Stabilization Fund, and that the total proposed General Equipment budget is \$2,234,203 for FY 2026/2027.

There was discussion centered on the philosophy of using \$900,000 from the Revenue Stabilization Fund to purchase critical parts. Mr. Rushton expressed concern regarding the use of unanticipated revenues for a multi-year program rather than incorporating it into the standard rate process to preserve the fund's "sanctity". Mr. Young explained that the intent was to fund a one-time catch-up for critical parts to reach a necessary level of service, noting that subsequent years' funding could be adjusted based on budget availability. It was agreed that the approach was defensible for the current year to avoid further rate spikes.

**Review debt  
service  
schedule and  
10-year  
Financial Plan**

Mr. Martin discussed the FY 2026/2027 debt service schedule and long-term debt summary regarding all JWWCD outstanding bonds. The FY 2026/2027 debt service budget is \$28 million. Mr. Martin shared the Debt Summary which showed the currently outstanding bonds and debt service payments.

Mr. Martin reviewed the FY 2026/2027 10-year Financial Plan. He emphasized that maintaining a Debt Service Coverage Ratio above 1.50 is vital for protecting the JWWCD's AA+ bond rating. Mr. Martin reviewed the estimated PayGo transfers from operations and noted an increase in projected bonds due to large increases in planned capital projects.

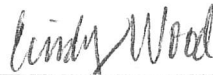
Mr. Jacob commented favorably on the philosophy of utilizing debt so that those benefiting from capital projects are the ones paying for them. Ms. Ramsey thanked the staff for the immense work involved in balancing the use of reserves while maintaining JWWCD operations and public service.

**Upcoming  
meetings**

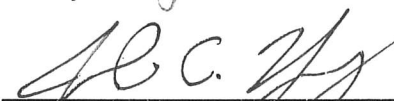
Mr. Taylor reviewed the upcoming meetings including the Finance Committee meeting, Monday, March 23 at 3:00 p.m.; regular Board meeting, Wednesday, April 8, at 3:00 p.m.; Annual Member Agency meeting, Tuesday, April 14, at 10:00 a.m.; Public Hearing, Wednesday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m.; and the regular Board meeting, Wednesday, June 10, at 3:00 p.m.

**Adjourn**

Mr. Taylor called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Barbara Townsend moved to adjourn. Following a second by Mr. Zach Jacob, the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.



Cindy Wood, Finance Committee Chair

  
Jacob C. Young, District Clerk