

ASHLEY VALLEY WATER  
& SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
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Minutes of the Ashley Valley Water and Sewer Improvement District Board Meeting and Public Hearing for the adoption of the 2026 Budget, held on Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. in the conference room of Naples City Office, located at 1420 E 2850 S, Vernal Utah.

IN ATTENDANCE

Boyd Workman	Chairperson
Brownie Tomlinson	Vice-Chairperson
Max Haslem	Trustee
Dean Baker	Trustee
David Hatch	Trustee
Ryan Goodrich	District Manager
Nora Garcia	District Clerk
Allen Hacking	Assistant Manager

**Chairperson Workman opened the meeting at 12:00 p.m.**

Present for today's meeting; Trudy Wheeler with Jensen Water, Tony George with Rock Point Canal, Jimmy Slaugh with Ashley Upper Reservoir Company, BHI representatives, and County Commissioner Willis Lefevre.

**No conflicts were stated.**

**Minutes**

Max made the motion to approve November 18, and December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, minutes, seconded by Dean, passed unanimously.

**Project Updates**

**New Administrative Building**

BHI and Ryan reported that most of the exterior and interior framing has been completed. The trusses have arrived and are scheduled to be put up next week. The week after Christmas Foston will be here to install the water and sewer lines out to the wash bay. The garage doors should be on today or tomorrow. The wash bay will be completed soon, so it will be able to be used this winter. BHI is making very good progress. There is a pay request #3 in today's expenditures, in the amount of \$401,735.05.

Brownie made the motion to approve pay request #3, seconded by Max; those voting yes to the above motion, Dave, Dean, Max Boyd, and Brownie.

### **Ashley Reservoir Pipeline Project**

Jimmy Slaugh was present to discuss this project. Jimmy reported that water is being lost out of Oaks Park pipeline. They are trying to replace the 42-inch pipeline with a 48-inch pipeline. The Water Authorization told them that the more financial help they could get the better chance of getting help with the funding for replacement from the state. The project could cost upwards of \$2,000,000.00; they would like to be able to collect \$200,000.00. Boyd asked who they have received money from to help with the project, Jimmy replied that Uintah Water Conservancy District, Vernal City, four of the five canals and Brush Creek Distribution have all committed to funding assistance. Max asked how much they were asking; Jimmy replied that as much as they could get. With the contributions they have received they are \$100,000.00 short. Dean made the motion to contribute \$40,000.00 and write a letter of support, Brownie seconded this motion. Those voting yes to this motion; Dave, Dean, Max, Brownie, and Boyd. Ryan stated that this money will come out of the capital improvement budget. Ryan also offered help from our crews, and equipment if needed to cut costs on this project.

### **2026 Budget**

Ryan presented the 2026 budget; he explained that the items that have changed from the tentative budget are in red. The board reviewed the changes from the tentative budget. Changes were made in several categories and many line items throughout the budget. Ryan explained that the tentative budget has been available at the office, and on our website for inspection. The newly adopted 2026 budget will also be available. The final O&M budget for the district is a balanced budget with Income and Expenses being \$10,155,000. Ryan will make the change to reflect the \$40,000 that was just approved. Ryan also included a 3% COLA that will be given the first payroll cycle in January if the budget is approved, and a possible 2% merit that depends on employee's evaluation. Max made the motion to approve the 2026 budget as it was presented, second made by Brownie. Those voting yes to approve the 2026 budget, Dave Dean, Max, Brownie, and Boyd. There were no comments or questions from the public.

### **District Logo**

Brownie asked that this item be placed back on the agenda. After looking at several different options, and designs, it was discussed and decided to get several new samples from TJ Productions on the changes discussed in the meeting.

### **2026 meeting schedule**

The 2026 monthly meeting schedule will remain the same, every third Tuesday of the month. Dean made the motion to approve this schedule, seconded by Dave, passed unanimously.

### **December 2025 expenditures**

Nora reported on this month's expenditure. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month that total was \$39,749.28, today's is 583,931,71 bringing the month total to \$623,680.99. This total includes the pay request #2 to BHI, in

the amount of \$401,735.05. Max made the motion to approve this month's expenditures, seconded by Brownie. Those voting yes to this motion; Dave, Dean, Max, Brownie, and Boyd.

**Operation Discussion**

Crew supervisor Allen Hacking reported that he met with Bowen and Collins and the Sewer Steering Committee. Bowens and Collins did the original hydraulic model for the district. The committee asked them if they were interested in doing the work to update it. Bowens and Collins are going to prepare a scope of work to update it. The other entities agree with this. Allen will report back to the board when the scope of work document is prepared.

**Max made the motion to enter closed session at 1:17 p.m., seconded by Brownie. Dave, Dean, Max, Brownie, and Boyd voted yes to the above motion.**

**Returned to open meeting at 3:51 p.m.**

**Adjourned at 3:51 p.m.**