

**MINUTES OF THE
MOAPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD
Thursday, April 10th, 2025**

PRESENT:	Robert Terril	Ryan Wheeler
	Tim Gordon	Kelby Robison
	Scott Farnsworth	
	Joe Davis, General Manager	Kiley Bradshaw
	Lon Dalley, Assistant General Manager	Jennifer Farnsworth
	Byron Mills	Jeannie Fox

ORDER OF BUSINESS: At 4:00 pm, Chairman Kelby Robison Called to order the regular meeting of the Moapa Valley Water District. The agenda items were addressed in the following order:

- 1) Public Comment (May be limited to five minutes)**
None
- 2) Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting held March 13, 2025 (For Possible Action)**
Board Member Scott Farnsworth had a few questions that were answered by staff. On a motion of Robert Terril and seconded by Tim Gordon the Board voted 5-0 to approve of the minutes of March 13, 2025, meeting.
- 3) Legislative Update (For Discussion Only)**
Warren Hardy was not on the phone for an update due to a meeting scheduled at 3:30pm about 8143. We are hoping he will be able to attend next month's meeting for an update.
- 4) Approval of the FY26 Tentative Budget (For Possible Action)**
Joe Stated that Staff has completed the preparation of the "Tentative Budget" for fiscal year 2026. The budget shows a change in net position of \$5,252,703 = \$276,063 + \$4,976,640 in Grants with a total overall net decrease in cash and cash equivalents of (\$1,081,301). The State statues require the district to conduct a public hearing on the budget sometime after the first Monday of the third full week of May. Due to the anticipated Board schedule and publication dates, Staff is also requesting the Board set the public hearing date during this time. Staff is recommending scheduling the public meeting for Thursday May 22nd . The publication date will be May 14, 2025, if the Board desires, the tentative budget may be adopted after the public hearing. The district needs to adopt and file the final budget with both the County Clerk and Department of Taxation prior to June 1, 2025. Board member Scott Farnsworth had a few questions that were answered by staff. On a motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Scott Farnsworth the Board voted 5-0 to approve the tentative budget as presented and to establish a public hearing on the budget at 6:00 PM on May 22, 2025, at the Moapa Valley Water District, 601 N. Moapa Valley BLVD., Overton, NV 89040.
- 5) Classification and Benefits Review (Discussion Only)**
Board Member Scott Farnsworth stated some concerns he had at the previous meeting and wanted some things clarified. He had a handout for each Board member and employee with the following bullet points.
 1. Classification & Compensation
 - Ensure classification matches job duties (not working out of class).
 - Are there current job descriptions?
 - Difficulty obtaining pay data from neighboring Districts.
 - AWWA publishes salary and benefit benchmarks by utility size.
 2. Budget Context
 - Previously \$380,000 in debt
 - We raised rates by 6% to cover this.

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- Salary increases total close to \$200,000.
- The district now covers full healthcare.

3. Benefits & Use Policy

- Concerns about company vehicle use for personal purposes – for example, towing personal trailers and vacation trips using District fuel. Also, vehicle insurance and liability if damages are incurred while on personal use.
- Would like to discuss family names on the district cellular account.

There was much discussion between Board Members and Employees on each bullet point that was in question. It was advised by our attorney Byron Mills that if the Board wanted to have more discussion and express their opinions, this would need to be added to next month's Agenda as an action item. There were no further discussions.

6) Official Resolution 2025-02 NDEP Funding for 24" Line Replacement (For Possible Action)

Joe Davis said that under tab 6 we combined all the Resolutions. This came as a surprise out of the legislature. Joe touched base on it last month but there is an opportunity where the Governor's office is trying to fund 33.9 million dollars into the old AB198 program. The AB198 program offered 85% down to 25% matching money to disadvantaged communities. Part of it was that there must be a quick turnaround, which meant that if the legislature passes the budget and they fund it, then by July 1st the State wants to be pushing money out the door to get projects done. They are pre-qualifying a bunch of projects that are on the state program. They reached out to us and said anything that you got that you haven't put on the list, let's get it on there because there is a good chance it could get funded.

On a motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Robert Terril the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Official Resolution of the Moapa Valley Water District Resolution No. 2025-02 for the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Financial Assistance.

7) Official Resolution 2025-03 NDEP Funding for Warm Springs Tank (For Possible Action)

On a motion of Robert Terril and seconded by Tim Gordon the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Official Resolution of the Moapa Valley Water District Resolution No. 2025-03 for the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Financial Assistance.

8) Official Resolution 2025-04 NDEP Funding for SCADA System Upgrade (For Possible Action)

On a motion of Tim Gordon and seconded by Scott Farnsworth the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Official Resolution of the Moapa Valley Water District Resolution No. 2025-04 for the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Financial Assistance.

9) Official Resolution 2025-05 NDEP Funding for Asterra Satellite Leak Detection (For Possible Action)

On a motion of Scott Farnsworth and seconded by Ryan Wheeler the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Official Resolution of the Moapa Valley Water District Resolution No. 2025-05 for the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Financial Assistance.

10) Official Resolution 2025-06 NDEP Funding for Capital Improvement Plan Update (For Possible Action)

On a motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Kelby Robison the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Official Resolution of the Moapa Valley Water District Resolution No. 2025-06 for the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Financial Assistance.

11) Managers' Reports

Jeannie Fox, Office Manager, reported on the budget stating that we are almost at 67% of the year expended. Revenues and Expenses are looking good. The Budget is looking good. Jeannie answered some

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questions that were asked by Board Member Scott Farnsworth. Jeannie went over the Capital Budget and the Financial Dashboard that went through February 28th. It was reported that things are going well in the office and then she opened it up for any questions.

Lon Dalley, Assistant General Manager, reported on Spring/Ground Water Production for the month of March. Arrow Canyon #2 pumped 42,926,686 gallons. Baldwin Springs pumped 19,115,000 gallons which gave us a total of 62,041,686 gallons pumped. Lon reported on the Arrow Canyon Well levels which were normal.

Joe Davis, General Manager, reported that he has been doing a lot with the legislature on water bills with Warren. March 10th Senator Cortez Masto reintroduced the Southern Nevada Lands Bill. (The Southern Nevada Economic Development and Conservation Act) Representatives Susie Lee and Mark Amodie introduced companion legislation in the House of Representatives. This legislation will convey to the District BLM Right-of-Ways. The total acreage being conveyed is 121 acres of Federal land to the Moapa Valley Water District.

On March 19th while in Carson City Lon and Joe were able to visit with Assemblyman Toby Yurek and Senator Jeff Stone. Both representatives have spent time getting to know the district as well as our communities.

During our visit at the legislature, we had the opportunity to express the districts gratitude to the Director of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources James Settlemyer. He was instrumental in getting the water rights buyback program funding. This funding was used to purchase the LDS church water in Warm Springs.

The EPA offered free advice concerning potential Federal funding opportunities for water infrastructure, staff reached out to Roger Gorke, Office of the Assistant Administrator for water and Holly Young a physical scientist in the EPA's office of groundwater concerning identified infrastructure priorities of the District. Holly is working on a list of follow-up questions to help identify the best options for the District. Joe asked to go to closed door at the end of the meeting.

12) Public Comment (May be limited to five minutes)

None

13) Directors' Preference

-Review Monthly Expenditures

-Litigation - On a motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Scott Farnsworth the Board voted 5-0 to go to closed door at 5:20pm. On a motion of Scott Farnsworth and seconded by Robert Terril the Board voted 5-0 to come out of closed door at 5:36 pm.

-Other Related Water Rights

14) Public Comment (May be limited to five minutes)

None

15) Approval of the April 10, 2025 Board Meeting

Board Members voted to hold the board meeting on May 22th, 2025, at 6:00 pm

16) Adjournment

On a motion of Robert Terril and seconded by Ryan Wheeler the meeting adjourned at 5:37pm. The Board voted 5-0