



Northwest New Mexico Utility Authority
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Northwest New Mexico Utility Authority Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Gamerco Church of God

206 Ray Avenue, Gamerco, New Mexico 87301

Attendees

Neal Eastridge	Gamerco WSD	neal.east.gwsd@gmail.com
David Descheenie	Yahtahey WSD	daviddescheenie@gmail.com
Sharon Torres	Yahtahey WSD	sharon.torres1663@gmail.com
Jacob Day	Gamerco WSD	JACOBDAY8815@yahoo.com
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Jason Sanchez	NWNMUA	jason.sanchez@pinnbank.com
Teresa Stevens	NWNM Council of Governments	agrey@nwnmcog.org
Anna Bond	AMB Accounting	anna@ambaccounting.org
Anders Lundahl	New Mexico Environment Department	anders.lundahl@env.nm.gov
Teresa Stevens	L&T Services	TeresaStevens@livingwaterstewardship.com

1. Call to Order

- Neal Eastridge called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

2. Roll Call

- Neal Eastridge conducted the roll call. The following board members were present.
 - Neal Eastridge, Board Chair (Gamerco WSD)
 - David Descheenie, Vice-President (Yahtahey WSD)
 - Sharon Torres, Board Member (Yahtahey WSD)
 - Jacob Day, Board Member (Gamerco WSD)
 - Rocio Rico, Board Member (Gamerco WSD)
 - Jason Sanchez, Director
 - Daneal Eastridge, Non-Voting Secretary

3. Proof of Posting of Meeting

- Confirmation meeting agenda was posted on Sunday, July 12, 2026, by 5:00 P.M.

4. Approval of Agenda

- Neal Eastridge motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by David Descheenie.

5. Review and Approval of Minutes

- Copies of minutes from the June 23, 2026 board meeting were presented and reviewed.
- Neal Eastridge motioned to approve minutes; seconded by Sharon Torres.

6. Report of Officers

● Yahtahey Water & Sanitation District

- Attended Water Districts meeting with the City of Gallup and McKinley County.
- Currently working to contract engineering services for Phase II Project Design for the lagoon project; county may provide support though Kimley-Horn's on-call services with the county.
- A water leak was found and is currently being fixed.

● Gamerco Water & Sanitation District

- Audit for 2022 is complete waiting on 2023 audit.
- Attended Water Districts meeting with the City of Gallup and the County. Were told that GWSD is currently at the best of three options for receiving water from the City.

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- The meeting with the city of Gallup and McKinley County gave three options for receiving water. 1. Master Meter tied to certified water system. 2 Individual meters with the City selling water to each individual (annexation). 3. Drill well.

7. Budget and Financial Report (Anna Bond)

● NWNMUA

- Normal expenses.
- Postage meter will run one more month. Usage will end August 1st.

● Gamerco

- May 2026- Billed \$87,510.07, 1,855,554 gallons of water were used.
- June 2026 - Collected \$87,607.98. \$97.91 was from Accounts Receivable. ■ Billing was shorted 132,000 gallons of water compared to the city of Gallup bill. This is the amount that was forgiven at last month's meeting on account 231051. Neal Eastridge motioned to order a replacement meter to have on hand. David Descheenie seconded.

○ Yahtahey-

- May 2026- Billed \$12,650.90, 441,044 gallons of water was used.
- June 2026- Collected \$12,367.36, \$283.54 was from Accounts Receivable. ■ Actual YTD was short \$21,643.81 from investments in infrastructure.

8. Update from Technical Assistance Providers

● Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (Angelina Grey):

- SB1 planning moving along with Gamerco and Yahtahey
 - Merger planning is seven months along.
 - White Cliffs has backed out.
 - There are several local communities that are potentially able to join at a later date.
 - Completion of merger is planned for June 2027.

● Capital Outlay

- Gamerco - 2022 audit is complete. Need to complete 2023.
- Yahtahey has \$141,000 and is waiting on a lower priced Project design.

● Water Trust Board

- Both boards have had applications submitted.

● TAP

- Yahtahey -David Descheenie motioned to submit PER request, Sharon Torres seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

● Rural Communities Assistance Corporation (Ramon Lucero):

- No reports, no updates.

- **New Mexico Environment Department** (Anders Lundahl):
 - No reports, no updates.
 - Anders will meet with board later to discuss help with technical documents.
- **Southwest Environmental Finance Center** (James Markham):
 - No reports, no updates.

9. Old Business

- a) Discuss updates on GM new hire.
 - The board discussed the two candidates and decided on the best option for the Authority.

10. New Business

- a) Review and approve updated Open Meetings Act Resolution
 - Completed last meeting
- b) Review and approve FY2028-2032 ICIP Resolution
 - Completed last meeting
- c) Review and approve Yahtahey Budget
 - The board reviewed the Yahtahey Final Budget. David Descheenie motioned to approve the Final Budget FY 2026- 2027 Resolution # 07152026-4 . Sharon Torres seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - The board reviewed Yatahey's Fourth Quarter Financial Report. David Descheenie motioned to approve the FY 2025-2026 Fourth Quarter Financial Report Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 Resolution # 07152026-3. Sharon Torres seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- d) Review and approve NWNMUA Budget
 - The board reviewed the NWNMUA Final Budget. Neal Eastridge motioned to approve the NWNMUA Final Budget Adoption FY2026-2027 Resolution #07152026-2 . Jacob Day seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - The board reviewed the NWNMUA's Fourth Quarter Financial Report. Neal Eastridge motioned to approve the FY 2025-2026 Fourth Quarter Financial Report Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 . David Descheenie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- e) Review and approve Resolution to Hire General Manager
 - The board reviewed and discussed Resolution 20260715-01. Neal E Eastridge motioned to approve Resolution 20260715-01. David Descheenie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- f) Letter of Credit (GWSD)
 - Neal will look into getting this taken care of.
- g) Customer Accounts
 - Account # 12971- Customer had an unusually high water bill. The board suggested the customer pay the average monthly water bill until the problem can be found. Neal Eastridge motioned to allow customer to pay average amount on water bill and not charge late fee. David Descheenie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Adjournment

- Motioned to conclude meeting at 7:00 P.M.
- Neal Eastridge moved to adjourn the meeting; David Descheenie seconded. **12. Next**

Meeting: Wednesday, August 18, 2026, at the Gamerco Church of God, at 6:00pm.