



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

Wednesday, September 16, 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
Jacob Day	Gamerco WSD	JACOBDAY8815@yahoo.com
Rocio Rico	Gamerco WSD	famricoteran@gmail.com
Sharon Torres	Yahtahey WSD	sharon.torres1663@gmail.com
Angelina Grey	NWNM Council of Governments	agrey@nwnmcog.org
Anna Bond	AMB Accounting	anna@ambaccounting.org
Daneal Eastridge	NWNMUA	east.daneal@gmail.com
Teresa Stevens	NWNMUA	director@nwnmua.org
Patrick Gallagher	RCAC	Patrick.Gallagher@rcac.org
Blanca Surgeon	RCAC	blanca.surgeon@rcac.org

1. Call to Order

- Neal Eastridge called the meeting to order at 6:02 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)
 - Teresa Stevens, NWNMUA General Manager
 - Daneal Eastridge, Non-Voting Secretary

3. Proof of Posting of Meeting

Confirmation meeting agenda was posted on Saturday, September 12, 2026, by 5:00 P.M.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Review and Approval of Minutes

Copies of minutes from the August 19, 2026 board meeting were presented and reviewed.

Neal Eastridge motioned to approve minutes; seconded by Jacob Day.

6. Report of Officers

a. Yahtahey Water & Sanitation District

Report of YWSD tanks not filling properly on Tuesday 09/08/26. Holes were discovered in the drop line. A drilling company fixed the leak. YWSD did not hook up to the City of Gallup as the valve was not located. Water was restored to customers.

b. Gamerco Water & Sanitation District

Neal is working to secure the CD with deposit from the City of Gallup. The recent rains have left the streets in need of blading. Neal and Teresa met with the lawyer to start the process of condemning properties on Draco and Ray.

c. Northwest New Mexico Utility Authority

- YWSD- Two quotes were collected for the drilling of the drop lines. Wire has to be changed out due to improper wire used. 11- 12 companies were called to get quotes. 3 called back.
- Both systems required repeat samples. Rain could effect samples.
- Geologist attempted to get water levels for both systems. Equipment failure prevented this. He will return with different equipment.
- Rural Water will be on site 09/29/26 for Source Water Protection Plans.
- Anna secured grants for NWNMUA and YWSD audits.
- YWSD old pump is scheduled to be switched out with refurbished pump.
- Clint- Tractor is in for repairs. Crew has been trimming, mowing, fixed leak at Navajo Shopping Center and at 407 Ray.
- Teresa and Office worked together to make adjustments to the notice and shut off process. The shut off list will be published on Monday of second full week. Tuesday notices will go out. Past due balance must be paid. After services are turned off and payment received service will be restored within 24 hours.
- 304 Summit- Meter can will be relocated to outside property.

7. Budget and Financial Report (Anna Bond)

- NWNMUA
No report
- Gamerco
 - July 2026 Billed \$80,302.94, 1,700,257 gallons of water were used.
 - August 2026 \$93,015.07 collected. \$12,712.13 is Accounts Receivable.
 - City of Gallup Billing 06/26/2026-07/28/2026 2,236,976 Gallons
- Yahtahey-
 - July 2026 Billed \$13,094.33. 495,729 gallons of water were used.
 - August 2026 \$12,307.96 Collected. \$786.37 is Accounts Receivable.

8. Update from Technical Assistance Providers

- **Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments** (Angelina Grey):
 - Water Trust Board Application Resolutions have gone out. Audits are assigned and waiting to be completed.
 - Bohanan Huston GWSD- Water PER final has been submitted. Waste water has no update.
 - Capital Outlay- email from Ericka Martinez stated GWSD is being required to have a fiscal agent. Teresa will contact and inquire what can be done about this.
 - NMED RIP Application- They are requesting number of connections, rates. Angelina would like to send out a Low to Moderate Income Survey to get an accurate economic snapshot for Gamerco residents.
 - Water Commons Meeting will be virtual on Tuesday October 6th at 3pm.
 - Hazard Mitigation Plans- 6 systems. Work sheets need to be looked over and responded to by September 22nd. Draft profiles will be shared with the board.
 - James Markham is working on asset management plans, has requested maps and files.

Team will meet bi weekly, date to be determined.

- **Rural Communities Assistance Corporation** (Ramon Lucero & Patrick Gallagher):
 - Patrick met with Teresa. Reviewed work plan. Met with Karl on financials with no update. Next meeting is scheduled for September 30th.
- **New Mexico Environment Department** (Anders Lundahl):
 - No reports, no updates.
- **Southwest Environmental Finance Center** (James Markham):
 - No reports, no updates.

9. Old Business

10. New Business

a. Review and approve GWSD Resolution 20260916-01

The board reviewed resolution. Neal Eastridge motioned to approve Resolution 20260916-01. Jacob Day seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Review and approve YWSD Resolution 20260916-02

The board reviewed Resolution. David Descheenie motioned to approve Resolution 20260916-02. Sharon Torres seconded, motion passed unanimously.

c. Review and approve NWNMUA Resolution 20260916-01 Approval of a Financial Committee

Blanca proposed a committee to get financial work completed between meetings. Neal Eastridge motioned to approve NWNMUA Resolution 20260916-01. Jacob Day seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Neal Eastridge motioned to appoint Jacob Day and David Descheenie as alternate to the Financial Committee. Sharon Torres seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

d. Discuss and approve YWSD Well Rehabilitation

Teresa asked the board for \$6,600 to rehabilitate the well. David Descheenie motioned to approve the spending of \$6,600 for well rehabilitating. Sharon Torres seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

e. Review and approve GWSD Open Meetings Act

Board reviewed Resolution. Neal Eastridge motioned to approve GWSD Open Meetings Act Resolution 20260916-02. Jacob Day seconded, motion passed unanimously.

f. Review and approve YWSD Open Meetings Act

Board reviewed Resolution. David Descheenie motioned to approve YWSD Open Meetings Act Resolution 20260916-02. Sharon Torres seconded, motion passed unanimously.

11. Board Member Comments

12. Public Comment

13. Adjournment

- Motioned to conclude meeting at 7:17 P.M.
- Neal Eastridge moved to adjourn the meeting; David Descheenie seconded.

14. Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at the Gamerco Church of God, at

6:00pm.