

Minutes

Yahtahey Water and Sanitation District Board Meeting

(Rescheduled Regular Meeting 01/13/26) held 01/20/26
Held at Hilton Garden Inn in Gallup
1530 W. Maloney Ave.
Gallup NM 87301

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** David called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.
2. **Roll Call:**
 - Board President David Descheenie - Present
 - Board Vice President Sharon Torres - Present
 - Board of Director Lew Harrison - Present
3. **Approval of Agenda:** David motioned to approve the agenda. Sharon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** David motioned to approve last meeting's minutes. Sharon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Financial Reports: Anna M Bond**

Net Income Summary
Income- \$15,407.95
Expense- \$-22,406.78
Net Income - \$-6,998.83

 - \$12,259.35 was billed out in November 2025, 434,830 gallons of water were used.
 - \$15,809.06 was collected in December 2025, \$3,549.71 was collected from Accounts Receivable.
 - \$14,377.50 paid to Naakia Landscaping for alley maintenance, \$351.48 for property taxes, \$1,594.94 paid to RD Electrical Systems for the repairs to water tank due to lightning damage.
6. **Monthly Report by Water Operator: L&T Services, Teresa Stevens**

Teresa reported that December went well. Clint read the meters without issue. Teresa spoke with the construction manager of Dollar General Jared Lallatin. Mr. Lallatin was present at the meeting and shared with the board and Teresa a few things the construction company is planning.

 - The water service line will be $\frac{3}{4}$ inch instead of the $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch line indicated in the plans.
 - The meter can will be placed 3ft away from the fire hydrant.
 - The sewer will be connected to a grinder pump before connecting to the lift station.
 - There will be a foot of reinforced concrete around the lift station to protect the existing infrastructure. This will be flush with the lift station.

7. Comments by TA NWNMCOG/NWNMUA: Angelina Grey/ Jason Sanchez

- YWSD has \$42,000 to be used for wastewater costs.
- CAPS replaced software and is running on a new system. Quarterly reports are behind and are in need of attention.
- SB1- Angelina gave a brief overview of the SB1 and the benefits of becoming an SB1 entity. YWSD, Gamerco, and White Cliffs would be founding entities. The merge would lessen the pressures placed on the boards and the JPA. Funding from state entities can be obtained easier. Support for different services are at the ready.
- SB1 Work Session Finances 02/07/26 9am 206 Ray Ave Gamerco NM, 2nd Community Public Hearing following work session at 11am.
- Emergency Response Planning Training 02/11/26 Bluewater NM.
- TAP is offering Engineering, Accounting, and Facilitation. Bohanan is looking at engineering needs.
- Angelina has submitted funding application to DFA Capacity Development Fund.
- Angelina will have interns work on digitizing files for YWSD.

8. New Business:

- A. Swearing in New Director-Lewnell Harrison
Director Lew Harris was sworn in, Board President David Descheenie and Board Vice President Sharon Torres renewed their oath.
- B. Review and Discuss Open Meetings Act
The board discussed changing the meeting time to better accommodate board members schedules. David motioned to update the Open Meetings Act to change the monthly board meeting to the third Tuesday of each month. Lew seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Discussion of Dollar General Water Connection
David motion to approve Cypress Construction the use of up to 30,000 gallons of water for the purpose of laying asphalt. Sharon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
David motioned to proceed on allowing construction, enter into a water and sewer service agreement, and allowing the YWSD's attorney to draft an agreement between YWSD and Cypress Construction, Dollar General and Overland Engineering. Sharon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. YWSD contract with Azteca Government Solutions for procurement services.
David motioned to table. Sharon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. SB1 Community Hearing 02/07/26
Hearing will take place at the Gamerco Church of God 206 Ray Ave Gamerco NM at 11pm on Saturday 02/07/26.
- F. Approval of DFA Reporting
David motioned to approve the Second Quarter Financial Report Quarter Ending December Resolution #10202026-2. Sharon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Old Business:

A. Update on Feeder Tank Property

Jason requested Four Corners Title look into the existence of an agreement at the County Level for property.

B. Lagoon Project Design Phase Update

Sauder Miller is seeking funding to complete. Angelina has submitted applications for funding.

10. Public Comments:

Jason asked the board to approve two hours for Daneal to put together binders for YWSD files. David motioned to approve two hours for Daneal to do paperwork filing. Sharon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Adjournment: David motioned to adjourn at 7:11pm. Sharon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.