



NAVAJO WESTERN WATER DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S (REGULAR) MEETING

Thursday, August 13th, 2026 @ 1:00 pm

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Navajo Western Water District Board of Director's Regular Meeting was called to order by President Dave Rogers on Thursday, August 13th, 2026, at 1:05 pm.

II. ROLE CALL:

In Attendance: President Dave Rogers, Vice President Rick Williams, Treasurer Vanna Morningstar, Director Dan Palmisano, Director James Bierly, Water Operator (ORC) Dave Rabideau, Bookkeeper Beckie Ferrell and Secretary Debbie Palmisano.

Guests in Attendance: Dennis McKaige (resident), Deb Greer (ARC Committee), Jerry Sharpe (resident).

III. READING/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (Debbie Palmisano, Office Secretary)

Thursday, July 9th, 2026 (Regular) Board of Director's Meeting

- MOTION TO ACCEPT THE JULY 9TH, 2026, MINUTES AS PRESENTED by Treasurer Vanna Morningstar; MOTION 2ND by Director Dan Palmisano. Discussion. Vote. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.***

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT(S):

- Jerry Sharpe (NWWD resident) attended the meeting and made a presentation regarding installing a fence on his property, which borders the NWWD property and water tower on Co. Rd. 510. He would like to install a fence to block the wind/snow. (A proposal was previously discussed with the BOD on December 12th, 2024, BOD Meeting regarding installing a driveway).**
- Jerry would make sure NWWD had access. He wants to be a good neighbor and have NWWD approval before installing the fence. He will pay to have the fence installed (no cost to NWWD). He would like to have an agreement with NWWD in writing. (This will not designate a new border.)**

- **He would like to put the fence on the property line.**
- **Suggestion by Deb Greer (ARC):** Have Mr. Sharpe get a map drawn up for ARC and NWWD.
- **Jerry will get a proposal written up and present to the Board of Directors for vote and approval.**
- **A lengthy discussion ensued.**
- **A suggestion was made that an easement agreement should be required in case the customer sells the property in the future. The easement agreement should be notarized and filed with the County.**
 - o **NWWD may also want to get a survey done.**
- **Further discussion will be scheduled for the next meeting.**

V. TREASURER'S REPORT: (Vanna Morningstar, Treasurer)

A. Financial Reports – August 2026

- **Financial Reports look good. Great job Beckie!**

B. Bookkeeper Report: (Beckie Ferrell, Bookkeeper)

- **We should have money coming in from property taxes. We received \$400 for NWWD 2025 Certified Accounts.**
- **MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED by Director Dan Palmisano; MOTION 2ND by Vice President Rick Williams. Discussion. Vote. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.***

VI. PERATIONS REPORT:

A. WATER FACILITY OPERATOR REPORT: August 2026

(Dave Rabideau, Operator Responsible Charge) – see attached

- **#9) All leaks were confirmed (10 leaks)**
- **#14) NWWD had a Main water line break. A customer called and reported the leak. Dave & Keith repaired the leak and fixed the road.**
- **#17) Resident drought letter – Dave Rabideau (ORC) will be adding a letter to specific customers in high pressure areas.**

WATER OVERAGE(S):

- **1202 Chickasaw Drive:** There was a verified leak (10,607 gallons) by Dave Rabideau. The leak was repaired.
 - o **MOTION WAS MADE NOT TO FORGIVE THE \$500 WATER OVERAGE by Director Dan Palmisano; MOTION 2ND by Vice President Rick Williams. Discussion. Vote. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.***
- **671 Ute Drive:** Water Overage occurred in March 2026 (31,675 gallons) while the customer was out-of-state. (The property is in a high-pressure zone).

Dave Rabideau (ORC) shut the water off at the property and left a message for the homeowner. (The customer paid the entire amount at the time the bill was due). He recently returned from out-of-state and submitted a Letter of Forgiveness. (The Board stated that the customer should have requested the water being shut off if he was going to be away for a while, especially in the colder months.)

- **MOTION WAS MADE NOT TO FORGIVE THE \$500 WATER OVERAGE** by Treasurer Vanna Morningstar; **MOTION 2ND** by Director Dan Palmisano. Discussion. Vote. ***UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.***
- **1213 Chickasaw Drive:** Water Overage at the end of June (15,928 gals) due to pressure regulator issue. The BOD forgave the \$500 overage fee at that time. Another overage occurred in July 2026.
 - **Dave Rabideau is requesting Forgiveness of \$500 Overage “ONE TIME ONLY”** (the last time) due to customer hardship. (There have been multiple issues at the residence, and the customer needs to get a plumber to come out to the residence).
 - **A MOTION WAS MADE TO DEFER THE \$500 OVERAGE FEE FROM JULY 2026, IF: BY SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2026, THE CUSTOMER MUST HAVE PROOF FROM A LICENSED PLUMBER THAT THE REPAIRS HAVE BEEN DONE AND THE ISSUES ARE RESOLVED. THE MOTION WAS MADE** by Treasurer Vanna Morningstar; **MOTION 2ND** by Director Dan Palmisano. Discussion. Vote. ***UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.***
- **After a lengthy discussion regarding future Water Overages during the current drought conditions:**
- **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MADE A MOTION TO ADD THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE NWWD (CUSTOMER) NEWSLETTER & TO BE POSTED ON THE NWWD WEBSITE:**

“UNTIL COLORADO STATE DROUGHT CONDITIONS ARE LIFTED, NO WATER OVERAGES WILL BE FORGIVEN”.

 - **The MOTION WAS MADE** by Treasurer Vanna Morningstar and **MOTION 2ND** by Director Dan Palmisano. Discussion. Vote. ***UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.***

B. OFFICE REPORT: (Debbie Palmisano, Office Secretary)

1. Delinquent Accounts:

- **4055 Comanche:** Lien being placed on acct. (3 notices sent. Water was shut off at property 7/20/26. No response from owner).

- **5034 Comanche:** The property is being rented by the owner's family member. (Certified) Letters were sent to renter & owner of property.
 - The account was made current so Lien will not be placed on property.
- 2. I read an email to the BOD from Dan Harper with an IT update. A lengthy discussion ensued.**
- 3. New Office Chairs:** We planned to purchase the new chairs from Costco (20 chairs x \$19.99+tx/each = \$399.80).
 - We found chairs on Amazon - w/padded back & seat: (20 chairs = \$322.99).
 - With the Board's approval, we will order the chairs from Amazon. They will be delivered to the NWWD Office. (We will save \$76.81).
 - I will advertise the old chairs FREE on Navajo Ranch Community page.

C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Dave Rogers, President)

- 1. Dave asked the BOD if they felt that an online presence was needed for NWWD. There is a lot of misinformation on social media.**
 - Should we register for REVERSE 911? (Dave Rabideau will look into and get back to the Board with information).
 - **Suggestion:** We do not need to engage online. The NWWD Board meetings are always open to the public. The NWWD door is always open if anyone has questions or needs information.
- 2. Thank you very much to the Board of Directors! Voicing your opinions is always welcome.**
- 3. The office is running great!**

VI. OLD BUSINESS: (none).

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Deb Greer asked if we have a listing of Inactive Taps & Abandoned Meters.**
 - Deb Palmisano and Beckie will get a list together for her.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:46pm. by Director Dan Palmisano; MOTION 2ND by Director James Bierly.