

Hoback Water and Sewer District
Board Meeting
July 10, 2024
1:30 pm

Board Members Present

Bob Frodeman, Chair
Chris Jaubert, Vice Chair
Austin Sessions, Treasurer
Marty Camino, Secretary
~~Trevor Robinson~~

Guests Present

Wade Hirschi, CPA
Carlin Girard, Teton Conservation District
Chris Peltz, Teton County Water Resources Coordinator

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm by Bob Frodeman, Chair.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Chris Jaubert moved to approve the June minutes. Marty Camino seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Report

TRAINING - Bob Frodeman brought up the Department of Audit training again, which is required for all public officers, and asked which board members had completed it.

The Chair report was paused to hold the annual budget hearing.

2025 Budget Hearing

Bob turned it over to Wade Hirschi for the 2025 budget hearing. Wade presented the draft budget, which is essentially the status quo based on last year. The board had an opportunity to briefly review and ask questions about the budget.

Chris moved to approve the budget as presented. Austin seconded and the motion carried with Marty Camino abstaining.

Chair Report (continued)

BYLAWS - Attorney Len Carlman had previously provided proposed bylaw amendments. The edits were shared with Mark Pepper and he recommended more plain language. Marty offered to take on this project before the next meeting.

ELECTIONS - There are two board positions up for election this fall. Bob reviewed the relevant state statute regarding elections.

The question was raised as to what happens when a position isn't filled by election. The current Board would appoint someone to fill the vacancy. Carlin Girard indicated there is added validity to having a fully elected board, rather than having to appoint positions.

Austin has been doing some research and has a call into the County Clerk to seek their guidance. The statute specifically names responsibilities for the Secretary so Marty offered to review the statute and help.

BCC WORKSHOP - The workshop with the Board of County Commissioners has now been moved to July 22. The primary reason for the postponement was to give the Water District Board an opportunity to respond to the request to be annexed, which was received from the JH Community Housing Trust.

Bob has been having various conversations since the annexation request was received on around the first of the month.

HORSE CREEK ANNEXATION REQUEST - There was a broad discussion on the annexation request received from the Housing Trust. In addition to the perspective of Board members, Chris Peltz recommended flexibility, since so much is still unknown at this stage. Carlin recommended simplicity, and suggested that the Board could ask the Housing Trust to bear the workload of completing the annexation on such a short timeline, if they hope to join before we seek Level III funding this fall.

The Board agreed on two action items as next steps. First, they will make a simple revision to the letter to BCC to acknowledge the annexation request. Secondly, the Board will respond to the Housing Trust letter with a letter of our own, asking them to complete the work necessary to perform the annexation on such a short timeline.

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's report.

Other Business

There was no additional business.

Marty moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 pm.