

Hoback Junction Water and Sewer District (HJWSD)

Regular Meeting

July 9, 2025

1:30 PM

Board Members Present

Bob Frodeman, Chair

Chris Jaubert, Vice Chair

Marty Camino, Treasurer

Daniel Oas, Secretary

Guests Present

Wade Hirshci, CPA

Chris Peltz, Water Resources Coordinator

Meeting Minutes

Bob Frodeman, Chair, called the meeting to order

Approval of Previous Minutes—The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Chris Jaubert moved to approve them, and Marty Camino seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

FY26 Budget—Wade Hirschi discussed minor changes to the budget to demonstrate the district's ability to collect revenue and service a future loan with WWDC. Wade proposed adopting and finalizing the budget, noting Teton County's request to adjust the Mill Levy and acknowledging minimal expenditures. Bob motioned to approve the budget, Chris Jaubert seconded the motion, and the motion was passed to finalize the FY26 Budget.

Chair Report

- a.) Bob Frodeman provided details on the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Resolution/Teton County District agreement, outlining expectations to provide updates, track a summary of work completed, percent complete to goal, and file invoices for review. Marty Camino reinforced the importance of sharing information among board members to ensure steps are tracked and well-documented to bolster relationships with partners.
- b.) The Midwest Assistance Program (MAP) meeting was discussed as not a viable option for HJWSD, as it currently duplicates the work of Wyoming Associates of Rural Water Systems (WARWS) and pulls work away from Nelson Engineering.
- c.) The Nelson meeting on Tuesday, July 8, at 10 AM was discussed. Chris Jaubert shared his recent discussion with Keith Gingery, Chief Deputy County Attorney, who

expressed concern about the 50% cost share with the most recent amendment, as invoices are not always clear and separating percentages. Bob provided details on the Nelson agreement with HJWSD, his meetings with Heather Overholser, Director of Public Works for Teton County, and her direct contribution clarifying financial and accounting issues in the original agreement. Bob called for a vote on the amended agreement, Daniel Oas seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Furthermore, the Nelson meeting also discussed a small structure that could house the sanitation system for clean drinking water. Chris Jaubert questioned whether the project could use the existing structure, clarifying that the budget outlined a new building if the small structure wasn't sufficient.

Nicole Krieger, the district attorney, is concerned about the September 1st deadline and getting the easements squared away. Suzanne Lagerman, Nelson's Project Engineer, is currently working on easements.

- d.) The Community Foundation of Jackson Hole (CFJH) meeting on July 9, at 2:30 PM, is scheduled to meet Anne Riddell, Director of Grants & Nonprofit Outreach, to provide them with an update on HJWSD and explore additional funding down the road.
- e.) Per the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) 's notice, HJWSD plans to host a public meeting on July 30 at the Hoback Fire/EMS building to inform and provide updates to Hoback constituents about the design/construction phase of the project. Board members discussed strategies to inform residents of the meeting, and Daniel Oas offered to put together a "Save the Date" mailing for all in the district.
- f.) Wastewater planning – Ty Ross of Nelson Engineering expressed interest in the design of a wastewater system for Hoback, outlining stages of identifying the problem and exploring alternative solutions. Bob was currently in talks with Carlin Girard, Executive Director of Teton Conservation District (TCD), to draft a one-pager outlining the need for a feasibility study and sharing it with potential funders. Chris Jaubert discussed an alternative path: the State Revolving Fund program and the need to use a survey to define the Intended Use Plan (IUP) to get Hoback on the priority list with the DEQ.

Other business – no other business was discussed. The meeting was adjourned.