

Hoback Junction Water and Sewer District (HJWSD)

Regular Meeting

September 10, 2025

1:30 PM

Board Members Present

Bob Frodeman, Chair

Chris Jaubert, Vice Chair

Marty Camino, Treasurer

Daniel Oas, Secretary

Colin Lovestad

Guests Present

Chris Peltz, Water Resources Coordinator

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Bob Frodeman, Chair of HJSWD, called the meeting to order. The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Marty Camino, Treasurer of HJWSD, moved to approve the minutes. Chris Jaubert, Vice Chair of HJWSD, seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Chair Report

Update on Nelson Engineering / WWDC Application: The WWDC application was successfully submitted. Drawings and construction are approximately 50% complete. The board is awaiting confirmation from Larry Malo. Marty is in communication with Larry regarding a potential addendum to the application.

Bob asked Ty about the anticipated timeline for putting the contract out to bid, possibly April 1, 2026, with an aim to break ground in the summer of 2026.

3. Charrette and Hoback Community Development Discussion

Bob raised community concerns regarding conditions in and around Hoback, WY, including the WY Dot property and JWJ Drive. Issues noted included illegal dumping, improper oil disposal, and homelessness.

The board discussed the growing community interest in shaping a vision for Hoback's future, particularly regarding clean water and potential wastewater management, which could support future development opportunities. There was recognition of a possible "mission creep" concern, given that HJWSD is the only public entity in the area, and its involvement could appear to overlap with the role of the Teton County Planning Department. However, board members discussed that if a wastewater feasibility study were pursued, it could serve as an ideal opportunity to convene community input and outline multiple paths forward, for both wastewater management and broader community development.

This process could provide the Teton County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) with a framework to guide updates to the Land Development Regulations (LDRs) and evaluate future business or development applications consistent with the community's expressed vision.

4. Wastewater Feasibility Study Discussion

The board revisited the idea of pursuing a wastewater feasibility study for Hoback.

Bob and Carlin Girard, Executive Director of the Teton Conservation District (TCD), prepared a one-page summary outlining the need for such a study.

Chris Peltz, Teton County Water Coordinator, shared several ideas, including exploring alternative pathways to a feasibility study, potentially partnering with other outlying communities like Kelly and Alta, which face similar challenges being distant from main sewer lines. Another option discussed was using the funds already raised to pursue an alternative analysis study.

Chris also noted the importance of conversations with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Brad Ellis to identify potential funding mechanisms and ensure state alignment.

He emphasized that Hoback's situation may need to be treated separately, given its progress and dedicated funding for this purpose.

Bob expressed concern about turning the study over to the State or County, as that could introduce delays. The board agreed that timely action was needed to develop realistic cost estimates and conceptual plans to present to Hoback residents.

5. Treasurer's Report

Marty provided the Treasurer's report.

- Several expenses were paid through Accounts Payable.
- Processes are being established for WWDC funding review.
- Katie Smits assisted in setting up systems for HJWSD to receive monthly tax revenue through mill levies.
- An insurty bond has been obtained to ensure proper and ethical handling of district funds.

6. Other Business

Chris and Bob will coordinate a meeting with Brad Ellis (DEQ) to discuss next steps.

7. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.