

# Meeting Minutes

**Emery County Special Service District #1**

**P.O. Box 1055, Castle Dale, UT 84513**

**Box Room @ 10:00 a.m.**

**March 10, 2025**

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**Attendance: Board Members Present:** Chairman Wayde Nielsen, Vice Chairman Merrill Swasey, Bevan Wilson, Kash Winn, Kresha Eastman, Secretary Jan Olsen.

**Excused members:**

**Public:** Justin Truman (Road Dept.) Howard Tuttle & Merrill Johansen (J&T), Jim Jennings (Public Lands Council)

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**1. Welcome/Approval of February 10, 2025, meeting minutes.**

Chairman Wayde Nielsen welcomed everyone to the meeting. Kash Winn motioned to approve the meeting minutes, which Kresha Eastman seconded. The motion passed.

**2. Presentation from Jim Jennings on the completion of the Public Lands Exchange.**

<https://www.blm.gov/press-release/landmark-dingell-act-land-exchange-completed>

Jim Jennings presented an update on the public land exchange involving state trust land parcels and the BLM, initiated under the Dingle Act of 2019.

- The land exchange aims to trade state trust lands in wilderness and recreation areas to the BLM for lands that can generate school revenue.
- Although officially signed, the exchange has not been finalized, with ongoing evaluations and adjustments.
- Financial implications of the exchange are still uncertain, with assumptions that revenue will remain similar to current levels.
- Concerns were raised about coal leases and potential revenue impacts from changes in land management.
- Conclusion: The public land exchange process is progressing, with significant steps taken, but it is not yet complete. Financial and management details are still under discussion, keeping everyone informed and involved in the process.

**3. Discuss/Approve changes to the by-laws.**

On page 10, there are two spelling errors, which will be corrected.

The annual Training Section considered that not all information needs to be in the by-laws, but then it was determined that it could remain the same.

The SSD meeting online is the only training that is required at this time.

<https://training.auditor.utah.gov/courses/special-district-special-service-district-board-member-training-2025>

As board members, we need to keep an eye out for what's going on in our area, and if there is something that needs to be discussed, then our board members can get that on the agenda. The agenda has to be posted 24 hours before the meeting.

Merrill Swasey motioned to make a couple of changes to the spelling on page 10, and Kash Winn seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**4. Johansen and Tuttle Engineering - Report on current projects.**

**a. 2024 Fall Crack Seal Project**

Crack Seal would happen this week, so we again held them off due to the weather. We have not heard from them, but we expect another storm this next week. Holding off for good weather.

**b. 4-BLM Dip Projects, ECRD #332**

Once side of all the dips are finished. They have cleaned out some of the places. Going to the BLM for a stream alteration permit to clean out the channels on a couple of dips.

**c. 2025 Crack Seal Project CKC**

They were supposed to be here today, but we have not heard from them.

**d. Tree Removal/Trim project**

This project is finished, and they all look great. Some cleanup needs to be done on the homestead loop. Bevan emphasized that when the board undertakes a project, they are committed to maintaining the district's reputation by ensuring it is all clean and looks professional.

**5. Discuss/Approve any change orders and project advancement.**

There was a change order added to the tree removal project to remove a couple of extra trees, which was needed, adding a charge of \$5,000.00 to Allred Construction for a total of \$181,844.28. This decision was made after careful consideration of the project's needs and the board's financial resources.

**9-Mile dip in Green River**

J&T reported they had the pre-construction meeting, and Kresha, Wayde, and Merrill were in attendance. This project is to start this week, but it was discussed and determined that we need to add 50-100 feet of length to this dip on the south side to give it more capacity. It will add \$60,000 to the project.

**6. Board Member reports and any other business that may come before the Board.**

Bevan brought up the writing of the district's history and suggested that Patsey Stoddard help write this. Bevan requested that she be compensated for her time and supplies.

Merrill Swasey motioned that Bevan Wilson would work with Patsey Stoddard to get this history written, and agreed that the board would pay for time and supplies. Kresha Eastman seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

We were awarded the State funding for Crack-Chip Seal for 2028, \$500,000.00 -2029, \$250,000.00. Goblin Valley, Millsite, Huntington State Parks.

**7. Approval of payment of bills, financial reports, and distribution of mineral lease funds.**

**a. Payment of Bills presented by Jan Olsen:**

Merrill Swasey motioned to pay the bills as discussed, Kash Winn seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**a. Approval of the distribution of mineral lease revenue:**

For Jan, in the gross amount of **\$20,997.37** less the Carbon shift of **\$5,833.00** for a net amount of **\$15,164.37** to be distributed as follows:

After EEMSSD's 5% of **\$758.22**, the remaining amount for distribution to the following Districts is **\$14,406.15**

ECSSD#1 - 47%	<b>\$ 6,770.89</b>
Fire SSD - 16%	<b>\$ 2,304.97</b>
CVSSD - 16%	<b>\$ 2,304.97</b>
Rec SSD - 16%	<b>\$ 2,304.97</b>
North Emery Water Users - 5%	<b>\$ 720.35</b>

Bevan Wilson motioned to distribute the mineral lease money as stated, and Merrill Swasey seconded the motion, which passed.

**Adjourn.**

The next meeting will be held on **April 14, 2025.**  
**April Treats - Wayde Nielsen**