# **Meeting Minutes**

# Emery County Special Service District #1 P.O. Box 1055, Castle Dale, UT 84513 Box Room @ 10:00 a.m. June 9, 2025

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

**Public:** Justin Truman (Road Dept.) Howard Tuttle & Merrill Johansen (J&T), Ron Dunn, Congressman Kennedy's Office

## 1. Welcome/Approval of May 12, 2025, meeting minutes.

Chairman Wayde Nielsen welcomed everyone to the meeting. Bevan Wilson motioned to approve the April and May meeting minutes with changes, Kash Winn seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

## 2. Approval of the 2024 Audit by Kimball and Roberts.

The Board has not received the audit information. Kresha Eastman motioned to table this item, which Kash Winn seconded, and the motion passed.

## 3. Johansen and Tuttle Engineering - Report on current projects.

#### a. Buckhorn Wash Channelization

The BLM met with board members and the road department, and the meeting went well. We need a Cultural Study. The board wants to hire an outside company to conduct this study. Bevan Wilson motioned to approve Montgomery Archaeological Consultants to do this study to speed up this process, and Merrill Swasey seconded the motion; the motion passed.

#### b. Ferron Channelization

Waiting on the Stream alteration permitting.

#### c. Castle Dale Channelization

The road department will handle this.

#### d. 9-Mile Dip in Green River

It is the final inspection. The contractors extended the concrete 400 ft. and also extended the rip-rap. Howard Tuttle (J&T) brought pictures of the project, and the Board agreed that it looked good.

# 4. Discuss/Approve any change orders and project advancement.

9-mile project did have a change order of \$81,430.00 for a total project of \$416,095.00. Kash Winn motioned to pay the change order, and Kresha Eastman seconded the motion; the motion passed. J&T felt

that the contractor did well and would recommend them for future projects.

Fossil Rock - The last Mineral lease report states that Fossil Rock was issued a \$370,000.00 credit from Royalty payments. The credit was issued because Fossil Rock had paid back in the years 2014,15 and 16 advance rent payments from future royalty production, or the question now is who received those advanced payments back in those years? We are working with CIB and State Finance to find out where that money was allocated in those years. As yet, we have not received any information as to who this credit should be charged to.

# 5. Board Member reports and any other business that may come before the Board.

Board members would like to talk with Commissioner Jensen and see if all the districts want to come together and decide about the extra monies from CRA-(Solar) discussed in past meetings.

#### 6. Update from Bevan Wilson on the ECSSD#1 written history.

Bevan Wilson reported on the ongoing ECSSD#1 written history. He met with Patsey Stoddard and started with the creation and what was happening in the county then. The Wilberg Mine Fire. A large flood due to drainage issues from high snow runoff, problems with the coal haul road, and school bus routes. These events started a chain that created the ECSSD# in 1989. They have been gathering information and pictures, and speaking with individuals helping with things in the community at this time. Getting the information and history is valuable; otherwise, it will be lost. Looking into how Economic Development was also created in Emery County.

# 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. Kash Winn seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

#### b. Financial Report for March & April.

The information was not available at this time.

#### c. Approval of the distribution of mineral lease revenue:

For April, in the gross amount of **\$196,425.99**, less the Carbon shift of **\$58,661.00**, for a net amount of **\$137,764.99** to be distributed as follows:

After EEMSSD's 5% of **\$6,888.25**, the remaining amount for distribution to the following Districts is **\$130,876.74** 

Fire SSD - 16%	\$ 20,940.28
CVSSD - 16%	\$ 20,940.28
Rec SSD - 16%	\$ 20,940.28
North Emery Water Users - 5%	\$ 6,543.83

Bevan Wilson moved to distribute the mineral lease money as stated, and Kash Winn seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Representative Ron Dunn stated that Congressman Mike Kennedy has five bills he is working on that deal with Natural resources, Public Lands, the Trade Mission in Costa Rica, and the Jail system, and addressing radioactive waste, focusing on the remediation of contaminated sites and ensuring the safe handling and disposal of radioactive materials. The reclamation of lands.

## 7. Adjourn.

The next meeting will be held on **July 14, 2025 Treats Bevan Wilson**