



## CEDAR MOUNTAIN SERVICE DISTRICT

3620 Mammoth Creek Rd  
HC 82 Box 1084, Duck Creek Village, UT 84762  
T: 435-682-3225 F: 435-682-3206  
[www.CedarMountainServiceDistrict.gov](http://www.CedarMountainServiceDistrict.gov)

### Cedar Mountain Service District Minutes August 07, 2025 Board Meeting

This meeting was held in person.

#### Board members present:

Chairperson Suzy Polnisch - remote  
Vice Chair Paula Bell-Saxton - remote  
Treasurer Sheryl Snow - remote  
District Clerk Zach Hascall - in person  
Member Brent Carter - in person  
Commissioner Patty Kubeja - joined meeting in progress

#### Agenda:

Chairperson Suzy Polnisch called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.  
Prayer - Brent Carter  
Pledge - Zach Hascall  
Board Chairperson Polnisch stated the roll call and Chair duties were ceded to District Clerk Zach Hascall to conduct the meeting in person.

#### Chairperson Comments -

Chairperson Polnisch singled out members of the Fire Crew Erin Bybee and Dan Matthews who were praised by members of the public for their performance.

#### Consent Agenda -

Suzy Polnisch made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the August 7, 2025 Meeting Agenda, Meeting Minutes of July 3, 2025, Dust Fees Public Hearing Minutes of July 3, 2025, Fire Fees Public Hearing Minutes of July 3, 2025, and expenditures of July 2025.

Paula Saxton seconded the motion.

All were in favor, motion carried.

---

<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	SUZY POLNISCH	<b>VICE CHAIRMAN</b>	PAULA BELL-SAXTON	<b>CLERK</b>	ZACH HASCALL
<b>TREASURER</b>	SHERYL SNOW	<b>MEMBER</b>	BRENT CARTER	<b>DISTRICT MANAGER</b>	KENDALEE COX

**Treasurer's Report - District Clerk Zach Hascall**

Assets -

July 31, 2025

## Checking/Savings

Fire Operations Checking	\$78,439.09
Snow Removal Checking	\$5,072.78
Dust Checking	\$16,917.96
Fire PTIF 8810	\$680,109.16
Dust PTIF 8811	\$7,641.48
<u>Snow PTIF 8812</u>	<u>\$531,249.71</u>
Total all accounts	\$1,319,430.18

All accounts were in order.

**Commissioner Comments -**

Commissioner Kubeja joined the meeting in progress and gave an update on the process of getting Kane County Hospital and CMSD on the same schedule with EMS transport licensure renewal. CMSD's transport license renewal date was extended several months. Following new state legislation, Kane County must advertise a request for proposal for EMS transport services within the county.

The Board Members discussed CMSD boundaries and an EMS presentation for the Commission Meeting on August 26th, 2025 regarding TRT funds.

**Clerk's Report - Zach Hascall**

The District labor costs to date were down \$100k and credit was given to Chief Barnard for his efforts to provide the same services with less expenses. There was a purchase for Wildland radios of approximately \$10k.

Clerk Hascall was asked to detail the percentage of the budget to date. Fire Fees collected were at 94%, Interest collected to date was 26.99% over budget, EMS income was 96% collected, Dust Fees collected was at 98.76% and Snow Fees collected were at 98.68%.

**District Manager's Report -**

Report given on admin time devoted to answering GRAMA requests and performing personnel interviews. The Dust abatement service was completed and came in under budget for the year. The Pancake Breakfast was successful however the purpose needs to be more clearly defined as either a community event or a fund raising event due to costs of holding the event. Upcoming season events included Kane County fair, rodeo, car show and Trunk or Treat.

**Fire Chief's Report - Chief Barnard**



July and August call volume were trending up. The Chief gave updates on the EMS relicensure, staffing and Wildland deployments. Currently and expected Wildland billing to total an estimated \$470-500k. Current fire dangers and Stage II restrictions were also discussed.

#### **Personnel Action Report -**

One part time reserve EMT was added and 4 staff members ended employment in July.

Brent Carter made a motion to approve the Personnel Action Report.

Paula Saxton seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

#### **Firefighting/EMS Report - Chief Barnard**

Upcoming in September Chief would like to address the physical security at the station including security cameras and door locks as well as completing an overall risk assessment.

Chief Barnard detailed two new Full Time positions that he was requesting from the Board. These two positions would be full time with benefits and fully qualified EMS and Wildland and dedicated ambulance crew for Wildland deployments. This would eliminate the need to utilize current full time staff members for the Wildland ambulance and augment regular staffing in the off-season.

Suzy Polnisch made a motion to approve the two new full time positions for Wildland Ambulance deployments.

Sheryl Snow seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

BK Radio package was purchased last year but the Wildland crew was struggling with hand-held radio communication. Fixed-mount mobile radios were requested for purchase totaling \$8,005.25 and that was previously communicated to the Board via email.

Suzy Polnisch made a motion to ratify the purchase of Wildland radios from 49er Communications for \$8,005.25.

Brent Carter seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

#### **Zion View Dust -**

Zach Hascall summarized the discussions that the Board had previously had regarding the process of adding Dust abatement services to the Zion View

subdivision. The process of determining majority interest was designated to the Property Owners Association of Zion View to gain at least 50% participation and at least 50% of respondents to be in favor of the service to set a threshold for further discussion. There was much frustration and concerns from the Public regarding the process. Many issues still remain unresolved.

Shawn Gustafson represented the Zion View Estates POA as Board Member and presented the information that had been gathered through many methods of communication such as Facebook, POA Meeting sign in, email, phone calls, text messages and mailer. 54% of property owners had responded with 68% of those being in favor and 32% against. All correspondence was accounted for and it was felt that every owner was given a chance to respond in some form.

James Watson of Zion View asked what made the poll legitimate. Another property owner commented that he was not able to respond to the poll because he had been "blocked" online in some way.

Zach Hascall explained that it was a straw poll and not binding and this effort was just for the CMSD Board to determine the necessity to continue discussions. The Board would vet all of the information that was collected.

James Watson stated that people in the area are not aware of the dangers of the dust abatement product.

Zach Hascall said that the Board would review the information and led a discussion between the Board members of next steps. It was agreed that there was enough response to move forward with more research and a Town Hall Meeting with the Zion View residents. If the service was approved it would most likely not go into effect until 2027. Of 653 lots surveyed, 339 responded with 232 for and 107 against the service and responses were still being received.

#### Public Comments -

James Watson of 1155 Strawberry Point Rd Zion View voiced his disapproval of the dust abatement product and claimed that the poor drainage on his property had created pooling of the product and was killing trees where it settled. He said that all of the drainage problems would cause more people to complain in the future.

Glen Soucy of South Mountain Drive in Zion View said that the product would cause rusting of vehicles and killing of more trees on Strawberry Point Road.



Steve Rushfield of 1190 Strawberry Point Road said that he has 7 trees on his property that are dying. He understands the budget but was concerned about the environment and the dying trees.

Comments regarding how long the service had been provided for other subdivisions in the District and its impact was discussed briefly. Zach Hascall noted there were very few complaints from the public about the impact of the current Dust service or how it was being provided by the District.

Greg Winter, President of the Zion View POA said that they would try to get as many members of the public as possible to attend a Town Hall meeting.

There was a discussion about how other types of funding might be accessed to assist with dust abatement service on Strawberry Point Road from the cattle guard out to Zion View and other roads that are utilized by tourists and residents alike.

#### **Dust Reserve Funds -**

Zach Hascall explained that there were approximately \$36k left in the reserve Dust funds and asked for discussion for how to utilize some of the funds. Assisting the County Road Department with road base, transitions and crowning roads for upgrades were discussed.

Suzy Polnisch made a motion to maintain \$20k in the Dust reserve funds and work with the County Road Department with the balance of \$17k remaining funds.

Paula Saxton seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

#### **Interlocal Agreement -**

The Kane County Treasurer is tasked with collecting fees for CMSD. The Interlocal Agreement outlined the Kane County Treasurer Billing and Collecting Services and District responsibilities regarding the collection of District Fees.

Suzy Polnisch made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Administrative Billing Services with the Kane County Treasurer.

Paula Saxton seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

#### **Other Business -**

September Budget Planning meeting needs to be scheduled.

Brent Carter initiated a discussion about the potential incorporation of Duck Creek Village. Decisions for services would be made by the Town council if that came into being and the division of Town and District services was discussed.

**Closed Session -**

Suzy Polnisch made a motion to go into and out of Closed Session at the will of the Chair to discuss ongoing litigation.

Brent Carter seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

The Meeting went into Closed Session at 8:11 pm with Board Members and Fire Chief.

The Meeting returned to Open Session at 8:23 pm. There was no action from the Closed Session.

**Adjournment -**

Suzy Polnisch made a motion to adjourn.

Sheryl Snow seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Minutes Approved By  September 4, 2025  
Suzy Polnisch, Chairperson

Signed copy on file at 3620 N Mammoth Creek Road, Duck Creek Village, UT 84762