

Emery County Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 15th, 2025

Location: 75 East Main Street, Castle Dale, Utah

Box Conference Room

In Attendance: Ben Lehnhoff (Chairman), Stoney Jensen (Elmo), Nancy Livingston (Cleveland), Chase Majors (Huntington), Tracy Addley (Orangeville), Randy Kenney (Ferron), Nosh Arrian (Castle Dale), Scott McClaughry (Emery), Jamie Baird (Member at Large), Jeramy Jorgensen (State Lands), Cody and Shawn (BLM), (UFRA) Jeramy Jorgensen (FFSL), Paul Bedont (FFSL), Commissioner Jordan Leonard, Natalie Olsen

1. Approval of the August 18th, 2025 meeting:

Chase made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Randy. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discuss/Approve/Deny UFRA Comments and Business:

No one was present.

3. Discuss/Approve/Deny Forestry, Fire, State Lands Comments and Business:

Jeramy: The state has been under fire restriction for the last couple months. They will go out of fire restrictions at midnight tonight.

There are only a couple months left of the year. If there are any fire training classes you want let Jeramy know.

They have a 131-90 coming up at the college. Cody will talk about that.

Just want to let the entities know that are CWS, that it is required to have a CWPP which is a Community Wildfire Protection Plan, put together to meet the CWS requirements. Jeramy sent an email out to the county of a contractor that is willing to put those plans together. You need to reach out and make contact. It does need to be done by the end of the year.

4. Discuss/Approve/Deny BLM Comments and Business:

Cody: There has been quite a bit of rain the past few weeks that has really helped with the fire restrictions.

There is funding for classes. Get with Jeramy and let him know if you want classes.

The helicopter will go off contract this week so will be unavailable to use after this week. The dozer is still available.

5. Discuss/Approve/Deny CWPP Agreement:

Do we want to hire someone to write the agreement? Everyone was in agreement that they would like to hire someone. Stoney made a motion to table this until the next meeting to get the cost with a second from Chase. Voting was unanimous.

6. Discuss/Approve/Deny Retention and Recruitment Payout:

Ben wanted to remind everyone that Retention and Recruitment payout paperwork will be due next month. Commissioner Leonard wanted to remind everyone that these funds are used for retention and recruitment so make sure it is being used for that.

7. Discuss/Approve/Deny County Training Committee:

Scott is trying to get the committee back up and running. He will need a firefighter from each department. There is EEDS and the cones course set up for the 20th in Huntington. Scott sent out a few more dates for training days. Please take a look at those and get back to him with what dates work best for you and your department.

8. Discuss/Approve/Deny Motion to Pay the Bills:

Stoney made a motion to pay the bills that were presented including Orangevilles when he gets the invoice, with a second from Chase. Voting was unanimous.

11. Citizens Concern:

No concerns

12. Chiefs Round Table:

Scott: Girls Fire Camp is in Price on October 4th. The idea is to recruit women into the Fire Departments. Anyone that wants to come out and help is welcome. The more participation the better.

Nancy: Reported that she made it through her ISL test with the Water District. Chase said that if we don't get these water flow inspection tests done, they will not recognize us and that will directly affect your fire protection home owners insurance and the ability to have fire insurance on your structures. If you have done your ISL please contact them and let them know.

Commissioner Leonard suggested attending a Water District meeting and voicing your concerns. Chase said he can call and get the District on the agenda but cannot attend. Everyone nominated Nosh to attend the meeting and represent the Fire District and bring up the concerns that have been presented.

Randy: Asked if there was anything we can do if someone lights their structure on fire with no permits and then calls the Fire District? There was no one that has come across something like that and it was discussed that it is probably more the Sheriff's Office and the state of Utah when something like that happens.

When we did the CPR class there were about half of Ferron's Firefighters that did not receive their cards.

Jamie: The ISL test went well. Castle Dale kept their rating.

Chase: Please sign up for the UFRA training that will be in Huntington this weekend. Cones course and EEDS trailer will be there.

Ben: Received information about the Utah Association of Special Districts Convention. Have we ever sent anyone to it and do we want to send anyone to it? It's three days, November 5-7.

13. Adjourn:

Stoney made a motion to adjourn with a second from Chase.