

Emery County Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 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), Tracey Addley (Orangeville), Randy Kenney (Ferron), Nosh Arrian (Castle Dale), Scott McClaughty (Emery), Jamie Buzz Baird (Member at Large), Jeramy Jorgensen (State Lands), Cody (BLM), Joy Montoya (UFRA), Commissioner Jordan Leonard and Natalie Olsen.

1. Approval of the November 15th, 2025 meeting:

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

2. Public Hearing:

Nosh made a motion to open the Public Hearing with a second from Stoney. Voting was unanimous.

a. To receive Public Comment on amending the 2025 budget of Emery County Fire Protection Special Service District:

Nosh said all this does is make any corrections needed at the end of the year. No Public Comment

b. Close Public Hearing:

Nosh made a motion to close the Public Hearing with a second from Chase. Voting was unanimous.

3. Public Hearing:

Nosh made a motion to open the Public Hearing with a second from Buzz. Voting was unanimous.

a. To receive Public Comment on the 2026 Budget of the Emery County Fire Protection Special Service District

No Public Comment

b. Close Public Hearing:

Nosh made a motion to close the Public Hearing with a second from Scott.

4. Discuss/Approve/Deny amended 2025 budget for Emery County Fire Protection Special Service District: Resolution 12-15-25A

Nosh made a motion to approve the amended budget with a second from Scott. Voting was unanimous. Motion passed

5. Discuss/Approve/Deny 2026 Budget for Emery County Fire Protection Special Service District: Resolution 12-15-25B

Chase made a motion to approve the 2026 budget for the Emery County Fire Protection Special Service District with a second from Nosh. Voting was unanimous. Motion passed.

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

Paul- He is the new Program Manager with UFRA:

Paul is working on classes that are already scheduled. Winter Fire School 2026 cutoff date is January 5th.

There are a few classes coming up. If you are interested, email Paul and he will send you the flyer.

March 5-6 Health and Safety Program. It is limited to 350 students.

Free Fridays: If you do your certifications on the first Friday of the month there is no charge.

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

Jeramy: If you have any training you want to do, give that information to Jeramy. Send dates that are available and Jeramy can work that into his schedule. He would like to do what he did last year and do one or two training sessions throughout the county.

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

Jeramy bringing the info for Cody: He reminded departments that training opportunities are available upon request and encouraged coordination for task book assignments and incident participation.

9. Discuss/Approve/Deny 2026 Emery County Fire Protection Special Service District Meeting Schedule.

The proposed 2026 meeting schedule was reviewed. Stoney made a motion to approve the meeting schedule with a second from Chase. The motion passed unanimously.

10: Discuss/Approve/Deny Having SCBA's signed off:

Discussion was held regarding the need for SCBA inspections and sign-offs to ensure compliance and firefighter safety. Ben stated that he called LN Curtis. They are supposed to be coming up with a price for us. It was decided that Ben would just call and schedule the appointments.

11: Discuss/Approve/Deny Signing off on Nuclear test plant:

The Board discussed the nuclear test plant proposed in Orangeville and the associated fire protection plans. Ben sent out the blue prints to everyone. Ben said he would sign them as soon as they sent him the paperwork.

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

Ben thought he had everyone's paperwork present. It will be approved in the bills.

13. Discuss/Approve/Deny Elect New Board Chair and Vice-Chair:

With Ben Lehnhoff stepping down as Chair, the Board discussed leadership roles. After discussion,

Nominees: Nancy Livingston

Stoney made a motion to approve Nancy Livingston as chair with a second from Tracy. Voting was unanimous. Motion passed..

Tracey nominated Stoney Jensen as vice-chair with a second from Randy. Voting was unanimous. Motion passed.

14. Discuss/Approve/Deny Donating extra Truck to Sheriff's Department:

The Board discussed a request from the Sheriff's Department regarding an extra truck. After discussion Stoney made a motion to give the Sheriff's office a truck with a second

from Scott. Voting was unanimous. Motion passed. Ferron Fire said the Sheriff's office can have theirs. The insurance will need to be cancelled.

15. Discuss/Approve/Deny County Training Committee:

Scott: Committee decided they want to do Fire I Fire II fundamentals. They want to do it month to month. They want to do a north side and south side. They will set it up with Paul. Price is doing a Fire I Fire II school and most of Emery's Fire crew is going to that.

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

Stoney made a motion to pay the bills with a second from Chase. Voting was unanimous. Motion passed.

11. Citizens Concern:

Mark: State Chiefs meeting is Wednesday the 21st. He has sent a bunch of emails out and has heard back from Ferron, Huntington and Emery. If anyone else is going to be to the chiefs meeting they are inviting you to the dinner on Wednesday evening for chiefs. It will be at the Ledges.

12. Chiefs Round Table:

Chase: NFIRS is changing to NERIS. Chase assumed everyone has gotten the same emails as Chase. Thank you Ben for being our chairman. Congrats to Nancy.

Commissioner Leonard: Thanks to Ben for his service. Thanks to the Fire District for donating a truck to the Sheriff's Office. That will help them out a bunch. Mineral Lease is coming back a little bit. Hopefully that will continue.

Everyone thanked Ben for his service and told him good luck on his retirement.

13. Adjourn:

Nosh made a motion to adjourn with a second from Chase. The meeting was adjourned.