



## **CANYONLANDS HEALTH CARE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**

**EMS Building 520 E 100 N, Moab, UT 84532, Online through Zoom**

• Thursday January 8, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Dan Cook (President), Tawny Knuteson-Boyd (Vice-Chair), Ken Ballantyne (Treasurer), Joette Langianese, Melodie McCandless, Karen Feary, Camille Peters, Debbie Testa (Clerk), Colette Lyman (CCC), Jason Gatherum (Maple Dell), Todd Bramall (Seasons), Seth Olson (Kirton McConkie), Zach Harding (Fier Law Group), Stephen Stocks, Melissa Decker (Grand County) Kirstin Peterson, Beth Logan

I. Called to Order at 5:38 PM

II. Closed Session Character, Professional Competence of an Individual (*10 min*)

Motion to enter closed session for character, professional competence of an individual made by Melodie, seconded by Dan. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion to come out of closed session made by Joette, seconded by Melodie. Motion passes 7-0.

III. Roll Call (*5 min*)

IV. Approval of December 11th, 2025 Meeting Minutes (*5 min*) (Action Item)

Motion to approve the December 11th 2025, minutes as presented made by Ken, seconded by Melodie. Motion carried for approval 7-0.

V. Election of Officers – Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Chief Administrative Officer (*10 min*) (Action Item)

Motion to elect Dan Cook as Chair, Tawny Boyd as Vice-Chair, Ken Ballantyne as Treasurer, and Dan Cook as Chief Administrative Officer made by Joette, seconded by Melodie. Motion carried for approval 6-1.

a. Update on recommendations to the Grand County Commission for appointment of board vacancies Joette Langianese and Karen Feary appointments were confirmed by the Grand County commission for the two open board positions.

b. Discussion and Consideration to Request an Increase in Board Size to the County Commission (Action Item)

The board discussed increasing its size due to the number of applications received for the two open board seats. They decided to keep the board size at seven, in case there is not enough interest in the future to fill additional seats.

Motion to maintain the board size at seven made by Joette, seconded by Ken. Motion carried for approval 7-0.

VI. Financials (*10 min*)

a. Approval of January 2026 Bills (Action item)

Motion to approve January 2026 bills for \$126,080.20 made by Joette, seconded by Melodie. Motion carried for approval 7-0

b. CHCSSD Annual 2025 Financial Audit

1. Grand County Audit Committee

The auditors are planning on coming February 16, 2026 and are aiming to have it completed sometime in April 2026. The group discussed auditor selection for the healthcare district, noting they currently have a commitment with Larson and the county is using Richie May &

Company LLC this year. MM agreed to report back at the next meeting on any county auditor incentives, and the group decided to maintain the current auditor for this year while considering consistency with other county districts for next year.

VII. New Business/Discussion/Action Items (40 min)

a. Maple Dell and Seasons

1. Discussion on a Resolution Expanding the Boundaries of the Canyonlands Health Care Special Service District

The board discussed extending UPL contracts with Maple and Seasons, noting that the current agreement with Maple Dell expires in February, while the one with Traditions expires in 2028. JL clarified that the contracts automatically renew unless the board decides otherwise within 30 days prior to expiration. DT reminded the board that they had already voted to extend the Maple Dell contract for 6 months in their November meeting. The discussion centered around whether to continue the relationship with Rocky Mountain with KB emphasizing the financial benefits of the agreements. Zach Harding, counsel for Rocky Mountain Care, explained that they are already transitioning to Beaver Valley Hospital and requested a 6-month extension to accommodate this transition. ZH discussed the sublease allows for termination with 90 days' notice. Zach proposed maintaining the status quo, allowing the contracts to automatically renew until the transition to Beaver Valley is complete, then executing a termination agreement. Jason expressed appreciation for the Canyonlands program and its impact on senior residents.

Motion to table discussion on Resolution Expanding the Boundaries of the Canyonlands Health Care Special Service District made by Joette, seconded by Tawny. Motion carried for approval 7-0.

2. Discussion on making a formal public-benefit determination

Motion to table discussion on making a formal public-benefit determination made by Joette, seconded by Tawny. Motion carried for approval 7-0.

3. Discussion and Consideration to approve extending UPL contracts with Maple Dell and Seasons (Action Item)

Motion to postpone agenda item indefinitely made by Joette, seconded by Melodie. Motion carried for approval 7-0.

b. CHCSSD Purpose and Strategic Direction

1. Discussion on putting together a 5-year business plan

JL mentioned that the city is in the strategic planning process for the MAPS project and Walnut Lane, and that she would provide more information on potential city-district partnerships at the next meeting.

The board discussed DC's budget draft, which outlined financial projections and potential future projects, including care center expansion and MAPS development. The group discussed using the funding to pay off the healthcare district's bond or to allocate it to care center expansion. The board agreed to review DC's draft at their next meeting in February, along with a 5-year plan for EMS and the fire department, to prepare for future Commission requests.

2. Update on MAPS Campus Completion Project and Exploring Partnership with Moab City

The board discussed a \$197 million health-related funding appropriation for Utah over two years, with MM reporting that while the exact allocation is still undecided, it could be used for various health-related purposes, including EMS and transportation. The Grand County economic development coordinator, expressed interest in helping with the master plan, particularly focusing on senior care and destination wellness.

c. Annual Board Member Training & Ethics Pledge

The board also addressed annual board training requirements, with DT agreeing to send links for Open Meetings Act training and ethics pledge forms, which needs to be completed by the 30th.

VIII. Other Considerations (5 min)

IX. Closed Session (15 min)

Motion to adjourn made by Joette, seconded by Melodie. Motion passes 7-0.

X. Adjourned at 6:55 PM