

**CASTLE VALLEY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 19, 2026**

**MEMBERS' PRESENT**

BRAD GILES (By Phone)  
JEFF TUTTLE  
LEONARD NORTON  
TRENT JACKSON  
GARY PRICE

SHAWNA HORROCKS  
JORDAN LEONARD (By Phone)  
TIM DOWNARD  
PATRICK SUNDSTROM

**STAFF PRESENT**

JACOB SHARP  
MERRIAL JOHANSEN  
ARIEL GUYMON

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

SHAUN BELL  
DANNY VAN WAGONER  
THOMAS SITTERUD

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT**

ASHLEY DOWNARD  
JESS HOUSEKEEPER – VALAR ATOMICS  
WILLEM KRIEL – VALAR ATOMICS

Welcome by Vice Chairman, Jeff Tuttle at 7:00pm February 19, 2026, at 20 S 100 E Castle Dale, Utah.  
Roll Call: Leonard Norton – yes; Trent Jackson – yes; Gary Price – yes; Shawna Horrocks – yes; Tim Downard – yes; Patrick Sundstrom – yes; Brad Giles- yes; Jordan Leonard – yes.

1. **Discuss/Approve/Deny: Minutes of January 15, 2026**

Motion was made by Patrick Sundstrom and seconded by Trent Jackson to approve the minutes of January 15<sup>th</sup>, as prepared. Motion carried by all present.

2. **Discuss/Approve/Deny: Citizen Concern Arnold Subdivision**

Jacob presented the concern that a citizen of the county presented for the Arnold Acres subdivision. The board was given material prepared by Steven and Jaylin Gordon. The Gordon's could not attend the meeting. The board suggested that they work with Huntington City regarding the concerns.

3. **Discuss/Approve/Deny: Arnold Acres Subdivision Utility Services Eligibility Letter**

Huntington City said that they are waiting to hear back from their planning and zoning committee. Leonard said that the city has 30 days to approve it or deny it. Mr. Arnold wrote a letter, and we sent it to our attorney, and he re-wrote it as a draft with the needed information to protect the district. Jacob went over the letter with the board. There is concern about the sewer. Mr. Arnold is proposing using individual pumps for the sewer services. There is a way to have gravity sewer that would require the developer to get an easement from his neighbor. This option is preferred. Jacob discussed these concerns with Mr. Arnold. The letter states that Mr. Arnold must have all the district requirements completed as well as the cities before we can approve the connections. The city has let him know that he will need to have all utilities, sewer, water, as well as the roads in place at once and not in phases.

A motion made by Brad Giles and seconded by Trent Jackson to approve the letter.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Leonard Norton – abstain; Trent Jackson – yes; Gary Price – yes; Shawna Horrocks – yes; Tim Downard – yes; Patrick Sundstrom – yes; Brad Giles- yes; Jordan Leonard – yes.

4. **Discuss/Approve/Deny: Outside City/District Water Connection Valar Atomics Including Approval of connection Fee**

Jess Housekeeper came and presented a plan to the board for what they are doing in Emery County in reference to the Valar Atomics Plant via video. Jacob reviewed the requested connection and said that they have already submitted the shares to Orangeville City.

A motion made by Gary Price and seconded by Trent Jackson to approve the water connection to Valar Atomics for \$20,000.00 contingent on them having all the shares submitted to Orangeville City. Motion carried by all present.

5. **Discuss/Approve/Deny: Orangeville Valar Atomics Sewer Connection**

Jacob has met with Valor Atomics and State Division of Water Quality (DWQ). Valor will be required to apply to DWQ for a sewer discharge permit. DWQ will administer the permit for 4 years. At that time, CVSSD will take over the permit, or it will be eliminated. A sewer connection for Valor will not be approved until the permit is approved by DWQ.

6. **Discussion: Overview for New Board Members**

Jacob provided a brief overview of the district, including its purpose, service areas, operational structure, and staffing. He also summarized the district's funds and their management.

7. **Discuss/Approve/Deny: 2025 Construction Projects and Related Matters**

a. **2025 Drainage/Water Line Project**

This project is ongoing with Allred Construction. They are working on stump flat road. We have officially gone over budget on this contract. We will be invoicing Huntington City for the sewer line project.

There is a pay estimate of \$186,429.43 and 5% retainage of \$9,812.08.

b. **2025 Curb & Gutter Projects**

The contractor is back to work in Orangeville on Cox Lane.

There is a pay estimate of \$42,204.02 with 5% in retainage.

c. **Project Budget Review**

Jacob reviewed the budget with the board.

8. **Discuss/Approve/Deny: Consideration and Award of Bid for 2026 Crack Seal Project**

We had seven contractors submit bids for the 2026 Crack Seal Project in Clawson & Emery. Superior Asphalt was the low bid for this project. We had \$40,000.00 budgeted.

A motion made by Trent Jackson and seconded by Patrick Sundstrom to approve award the 2026 Crack Seal Project to Superior Asphalt in the amount of \$37,237.00.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Jeff Tuttle – yes; Leonard Norton – yes; Trent Jackson – yes; Gary Price – yes; Shawna Horrocks – yes; Tim Downard – yes; Patrick Sundstrom – yes. Motion approved.

9. **Discuss/Approve/Deny: Consideration and Award of Bid for 2026 Chip Seal Project**

We had seven contractors submit bids for the 2026 Chip Seal Project in North Ferron. Hales Sand and Gravel submitted the low bid at \$433,955.86.

A motion by Leonard Norton and seconded by Gary Price to approve award the 2026 Chip Seal Project to Hales Sand and Gravel in the amount of \$433,955.86.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Brad Giles – yes; Leonard Norton – yes; Trent Jackson – yes; Gary Price – yes; Shawna Horrocks – yes; Tim Downard – yes; Patrick Sundstrom – yes. Motion approved.

10. **Discuss/Approve/Deny: Manager’s Report**

a. **2026 Legislative Update**

HB501 – This is talking about fees and secondary water metering. Jacob wants to contact Senator Hinkins and see what the plan is for small counties. They are looking at charging fees for drinking water. This could be tough for the rural communities. He suggested to the board to look up the bill and read up on it and contact their legislators.

b. **Reminder about Board Member Trainings**

Jacob reminded the board to get their training done and into Ariel.

c. **Audit Committee Update**

The audit committee could not meet.

d. **Reminder of Conflict-of-Interest Forms**

Ariel reminded the board members to get their conflict of interest completed and notarized. There was a notary present to sign those that still needed to complete theirs.

11. **General Operational Items**

Jacob – Ariel will be leaving the district to work somewhere else within the next few weeks. We are currently hiring someone to fill the position.

Jeff – Wanted the board to know that there is a large amount of water leaving Electric Lake and going to Carbon County. There is concern about that.

12. **Discuss/Approve/Deny: Vouchers**

The board reviewed the vouchers.

A motion made by Leonard Norton and seconded by Trent Jackson to approve the vouchers.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Brad Giles – yes; Leonard Norton – yes; Trent Jackson – yes; Gary Price – yes; Shawna Horrocks – yes; Tim Downard – yes; Patrick Sundstrom – yes.

13. **Adjourn**

A motion made by Patrick Sundstrom and seconded by Gary Price to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm. Motion approved by all members present.