

Emery County Special Service District #1

MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 8, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

**Location: Box Room-75 E Main Street-Emery County Administration
Building-Castle Dale, UT**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayde Nielsen-Chairman, Kresha Eastman, Kash Winn, Merrill Swasey, Coby Hunt, Johansen & Tuttle Engineering, Justin Truman, Commissioner Keven Jensen, Bevan Wilson and Maegan Crosland

1. Welcome

Chairman Wayde Nielsen called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone

2. Approval of May 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Kresha Eastman, Second Merrill Swasey. Approved unanimously.

3. Discuss/Approve/Deny digitization of records for the District

Motion to table made by Merrill Swasey, Second by Coby Hunt. Approved unanimously

4. Engineering Report by Johansen and Tuttle Engineering

Current Projects:

- **2026 Crack Seal Project**

Completed and can be removed from future agendas

- **Lawrence East Project**

Bid opening was held and we received four bids total. Staker Parson (Nielson Construction), Allred Construction, TSJ and JCI submitted bids. Staker Parson was the low bid at \$455,100.10. Power poles are still a concern on the project and we aren't getting a response from RMP. Not getting the power poles handled will likely result in downtime and a change order on the project. Commissioner Jensen will call Casey Ware and see if he can move things along.

- **Cottonwood Canyon Road Widening Project (Fossil Rock Project)**

Bid opening was held and we received three bids. JCI backed out of the bid process, TSJ, Staker Parson (Nielson Construction and Allred Construction submitted bids. TSJ was the low bid at \$294,795. Fossil Rock mine will pay 50% of the project. Wayde mentioned concerns with encroachment permits and maintenance of the road. Haul permits were also mentioned. Permits are not handled by this District. Commissioner Jensen informed the Board of the option to submit a request for the additional 50% of funding to be allocated from the Utah Inland Port Authority Project.

5. Discuss/Approve/Deny Change Orders and/or Project Advancements

There are currently no change orders or advancements

6. Discuss/Approve/Deny contract between ECSSD#1 and TSJ Construction regarding the Fossil Rock Project in the amount of \$294,725.00

Motion by Merrill Swasey, Second by Kash Winn. Approved unanimously.
Note* Merrill Swasey will be the project manager of the Fossil Rock Project.

7. Discuss/Approve/Deny contract between ECSSD#1 and Nielson Construction regarding the Lawrence Easterly Road Widening Project in the amount of \$455,100.10

Motion by Kash Winn, Second by Coby Hunt. Approved unanimously.
Note* Kresha Eastman will be the project manager of the Lawrence Easterly Road Widening Project.

8. Discuss/Approve/Deny contract between ECSSD#1 and Johansen and Tuttle Engineering for engineering services regarding the Fossil Rock Project.

Engineering, which includes design, construction engineering & surveying and testing will total approximately \$34,500 and this was included in the overall bid amount.

Motion to approve contract made by Merrill Swasey, Second by Kash Winn.
Approved unanimously.

9. Discuss/Approve/Deny contract between ECSSD#1 and Johansen and Tuttle Engineering for engineering services regarding the Lawrence Easterly Road Widening Project

Johansen & Tuttle states we already approved this contract in a prior meeting.

10. Discuss/Approve/Deny contract between Fossil Rock Mine and ECSSD#1 regarding funding of the Fossil Rock Project.

Fossil Rock will pay 50% of this project, the other 50% will be requested to be paid with UIPA revenue. We would like to approve the contract, but wait to sign it until Fossil Rock has their funding set aside for the project.

Motion made by Merrill Swasey, Second by Coby Hunt. Approved unanimously.

11. District History Book update by Bevan Wilson

Bevan states the book is moving right along. They have been reviewing projects and project photos as they select a few specific projects to focus on. One project they plan to focus on is the Bott Lane River Crossing both on the project itself and the history of the river crossing and its importance.

12. Discuss/Approve/Deny bills to be paid and acceptance of financial report(s)

- **Payment of Bills Presented by Maegan Crosland**

Meeting refreshments \$25 and \$35.31, RMP \$107.03, Emery County \$30, Emery Telcom (advertising) \$610.00

- **Review of financial reports**

Motion to pay the bills and approve the May financial report made by Merrill Swasey, Second by Kresha Eastman. Approved unanimously.

13. Update regarding Mineral Lease Distributions by Bevan Wilson

Bevan explained that the distributions for April are \$0.00. He explained that there was another hardship grant awarded to Wolverine and our portion of that payout is \$775,070.27

14 Discuss/Approve/Deny Distribution of Mineral Lease Revenue

No info received prior to meeting. Bevan will give an update on this so we can include correct values in the meeting minutes and records.

April 2026 Distribution:

- ❖ **Gross Amount: \$0.00**
- ❖ **Less Carbon Shift: \$0.00**
- ❖ **Net Amount Available for Distribution: \$0.00**

After EEMSSD's 5% \$0.00, the remaining amount for distribution is \$0.00, allocated as follows:

- ❖ **ECSSD#1 – 47%: \$0.00**
- ❖ **Fire SSD – 16%: \$0.00**
- ❖ **CVSSD – 16%: \$0.00**
- ❖ **Recreation SSD – 16%: \$0.00**
- ❖ **North Emery Water Users – 5%: \$0.00**

14. Board Member Reports and any other business that may come before the Board.

Kash Winn: There is some drilling scheduled to happen on Ferron Mountain in the muddy on the south side. TSJ will be doing the drilling on behalf of Bronco (Emery Valley Mining) as they look into the possibility of the coal mine in that area.

Coby Hunt: Green River has the Lithium Project about to get started. Also, discussion regarding the nuclear power plant as picked up again in Green River.

Commissioner Jensen: The nuclear reactor that Valar Atomics is working on is set to turn on July 4th, 2026

15. Adjourn

Next Meeting: July 13, 2026