



CEDAR MOUNTAIN SERVICE DISTRICT

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Cedar Mountain Service District Minutes July 8, 2026 Board Meeting

This meeting was held in person.

Board Members present:

Chairperson Paula Bell-Saxton - in person
Vice Chairman Brent Carter - in person
Treasurer Sheryl Snow - in person
District Clerk Zach Hascall - in person
Member Scott Bowen - in person
Commissioner Patty Kubeja - via Google meet

The meeting was called to order for the Cedar Mountain Service District on July 8, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Roll call was taken and all Board members were present.

Prayer - Fire Chief Barnard

Pledge - Zach Hascall

Public Comment - none

Board Member Comments - none

Chairperson Comments - none

Consent Agenda -

Zach Hascall made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Agenda for July 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes June 6, 2026, Public Hearing Minutes June 5, 2026 and financials of June 2026.

Scott Bowen seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Agenda:

CHAIRMAN | PAULA BELL-SAXTON **VICE CHAIRMAN** | BRENT CARTER **CLERK** | ZACH HASCALL
TREASURER | SHERYL SNOW **MEMBER** | SCOTT BOWEN **DISTRICT MANAGER** | KENDALEE COX

Commissioner Comments -

The Commissioner expressed her appreciation for the District and Firefighters.

Treasurer's Report - Zach Hascall

Assets -	<u>June 30, 2026</u>
Checking/Savings	
Fire Operations Checking	\$205,046.86
Snow Removal Checking	\$8,400.77
Dust Checking	\$56,711.06
Fire PTIF 8810	\$1,605,782.64
Dust PTIF 8811	\$100,730.94
<u>Snow PTIF 8812</u>	<u>\$631,972.41</u>
Total all accounts	\$2,608,644.68

Zach Hascall reported that State Bank of Southern Utah was now matching interest rates on the District's accounts with PTIF fund rates. The separation of funds would still be recommended but moving funds would not affect collected interest.

Clerk's Report - Zach Hascall

Dust contractor payments were ongoing. Snow contracts were paid in full in June with no reported issues. The overall budget is on track. Overall payroll budget is ahead of 2025 totals by roughly \$90k however, it is being offset by Wildland income billing which is roughly \$400k year to date.

Scott Bowen initiated a discussion with Chief Barnard regarding payroll overtime for Wildland and Operations staff. Wildland overtime is dictated by assignments and operational staff is dictated by pay cycles and to maintain staffing.

District Manager's Report - Kendalee Cox

District operations remained steady. Significant time was being spent on answering GRAMA requests which had been numerous and lengthy. Station #2 remodel plans are still ongoing. Dust service touch ups scheduled for July 9th as there had been concern from the public regarding applications that had been affected by the dry weather. Second applications were expected to have a better result. Repairs to the bay ceiling of Station 1 will begin next week.

Chief's Report, Fire/EMS and Wildland Operations - Chief Barnard

June was a very busy month with campfire calls. The on duty crew have patrolled and educated the community about fire safety. The seasonal wildland crews and an ambulance were all assigned outside of the district. Electronic signage notifying the public of fire restrictions has been used on the highways for holidays and will be used again if possible. Applications for Fire and EMS grants had been submitted.

Responding to questions from the Board Chief Barnard explained that State resources would be assigned to respond inside the district if needed until district wildland staff could return. He also informed that the district was fully staffed and not currently hiring.

Zach Hascall offered to report that a member of the public had complimented Captain Billings and crew for outstanding action on an EMS call and quite probably saved a life.

Wildland Report - Chief Barnard

Wildland income billing to date was approximately \$404k. The Wildland crews had all received outstanding reviews on assignments.

Dust Statement -

Zach Hascall explained that the dust service in several areas had dried very quickly with the weather conditions even with the extra water that was applied. Using the planned hold back of approximately one load per subdivision it is hoped that touch up applications using 7 loads of product will help the most degraded roads that were identified and estimated to cost \$58,632.14. The water bill is estimated to cost between \$3800 to \$4200. Administrative costs will also be paid from remaining funds.

Paula Bell-Saxton read aloud a letter titled "Official Dust Statement" from the Cedar Mountain Service District Board. *"See attachment 1 with supporting documents (13 pages)"*.

Scott Bowen stated his concerns that the statement was too defensive and felt that a positive statement should be issued not focusing on complaints. He does not object to the use of social media by others and noted that the statement does not tell people what appeal process to use. He added that he would personally listen to what people had to say and that he thinks decisions made by the Board are subject to reconsideration or change down the road. And if people have comments they should come to meetings or send in written comments to the Board.

Paula Bell-Saxton clarified that the statement was not to be adopted formally by the Board but to address misinformation circulating in the community.

Dust Fee - Zach Hascall

Zach Hascall said that there had been no public at the hearing preceding the meeting and gave a summary of the cost of the dust service. The overall cost increase was 20.47%. If the highest level of service was to be provided in the future the fee would need to be increased and had proposed a fee of \$150.

Scott Bowen stated for public information that there are 3 separate fees and 3 separate funds for Dust, Snow and Fire/EMS.

Brent Carter also said that the fee increase was not associated with the addition of Zion View Mountain Estates to the service. Zach Hascall agreed and explained that all subdivisions had to pay the same fee for service. The discussion to add Zion View to the Dust service had begun before the discussion regarding fee increase.

Member of the Public Rozanne Smith of Color Country subdivision asked where to find the meeting schedule and had only by chance heard about the meeting on Facebook.

Zach Hascall and Scott Bowen gave locations of where to find the public notices for meetings including the Utah Public Notice Website <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/>, the district website <https://cedarmountain servicedistrict.gov/> and the Cedar Mountain Service District Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561875897458>

Member of the Public Alan Rice of Strawberry inquired about the Strawberry Point Road being treated all the way to Zion View and Zach Hascall responded yes. He also added that there is a lot of traffic and with cooperation from the Forest Service and the County that road would be treated.

Zach Hascall made a motion to increase the Dust fee for parcels receiving the Dust service from \$125 per year to \$150 per year, including for the recently added Zion View Mountain Estates parcels.

Scott Bowen seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Other Business -

Brent Carter said that he understood that it is difficult to get information out to most property owners who do not live in the district. There was a discussion among the Board about the expense involved sending individual notification to property owners. It was also noted that the Board calendar is also available on the district website.

Zach Hascall gave an update on the potential expansion of district boundaries. There were some updates to the map which will go back to the county for approval. The creation of a district policy addressing developers has also been proposed. Currently the only district exemptions are for FAA (*Farmland Assessment Act*)

Paula Bell-Saxton stated that the next Board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday August 5th, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Chief Barnard spoke about the current fire conditions and how the district is not immune to a catastrophic fire. He encouraged people to take precautions by cleaning their properties and utilizing the slash pit, the district's chipping program and utilizing resources from the district such as requesting inspections from the department and participating in Everbridge, Kane County's emergency notification system.

Adjournment -

Zach Hascall made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Scott Bowen seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Minutes Approved By  August 5, 2026

Name Paula Bell-Saxton, Title Chair

Signed copy on file at 3620 Mammoth Creek Road, Duck Creek Village, UT 84762

