

Castle Valley Fire Protection District
Castle Valley Fire Commission
August REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 13, 2026 6:00 pm
2 E Castle Valley Dr, Castle Valley, UT 84532

Attending:

Mitch Stock

Maggie Peikon

Mike Wakeley

Ron Drake

Greg Halliday

Egmont Honer

Regular Meeting:

Call to Order: 6:01PM

1. Public Comment:

- a. Greg shared that Susan sent an email about Christmas at the fire house to raise money for the road department. Jazmine shared there are some legalities around money like that coming into the town, so she will do some research before we attempt to do that. A good idea that needs a bit more fleshing out.
- b. Egmont asked if we have any timeline for the transition to the new P25 radios. Ron has not heard back yet from Seamus to get things moving. Sounds like we also still are in need of dongles. Egmont shared that Seamus needs an official document to even attempt to tie the frequencies together. Ron will reach out to move the process along.

2. Approval of Minutes from July: Unanimously Approved

3. Administration Issues:

- a. Fidelity increase

4. Chief's Report: Ron Drake

- a. 1 fire last month - pole fire on Buchanan Lane on July 17. A few volunteers responded.

- i. Mitch noted what caused this is not entirely uncommon. Sparks fell and caused a grass fire. The woman who lived there fortunately saw it and was able to put it out with dirt.
 - b. Ron was called to another fire on Cliffview, but was out upon arrival. Placed cones to keep people away from wire.
 - c. Met with Seamus at Station 2 on July 13 to discuss everything we needed to do, so the ball is in his court now. Ron will reach out to check on progress.
 - d. Met with Chief Brewer in Moab last week. His office got a message from employees at Sorel about fire safety concerns (putting 200 people in a room meant for 100, blocking off some exits, etc.). They are closed down now anyway because of the water issues.
 - e. Received red cards for all that qualified.
 - f. Also paged out to Red Cliffs Lodge for a smoke detector report, but it was a false alarm
 - g. Had a leak on Engine 38. Leaking from chute on passenger side — plan was to take flange off and put a new gasket behind it...but when taking off the flange it fell apart. Egmont built a new part for it to stop the water from leaking. So far, it is still holding. Ron had a pressure issue at Station 1 on an irrigation line when going there to fill up the engine — instead used the well, took over an hour to fill it up. Mitch wonders if we can put a bigger pump on it.
 - h. Received about 10 cases of water from Fire Warden and has been placed in Station 2. (Left over from Babylon Fire)
 - i. Found out that a payment to AT&T had been rejected after overusing card in December for gifts — was rectified with AT&T.
 - j. Pat will be donating his gym equipment to the fire department. May move the equipment to the next fire meeting and Greg will help with his trailer. Break up in teams - one to dismantle equipment at Pat's and one to start taking down existing equipment at Station 2.
 - k. Called Derek about swivel connectors, not sure yet on the cost.
5. Treasurer's Report: Carol Drake, Mike Wakeley
- a. PTIF 282,104.84 General (that we just moved some money out of) 141,915.71
 - b. Donations \$1,839
 - c. Revenue for month \$3,457.87
 - d. Expenses \$1,917.51
 - e. Engine maintenance 154% of budget
 - f. Fire equipment was over 100% of budget, but grants for radios helped offset that.
 - g. So far all doing well!

6. Discussion and possible action on long term planning, fire dept. needs, priorities, vision and policies: development of standard operating guidelines, policies and procedures.
 - a. Still trying to determine if we need new antennas & see what Seamus recommends. Egmont can only speak to what the town uses, and is unsure for CVFD.
 - b. Check back in on eligibility for share of tax revenue — have list of needs (water tender) and share our stats on engine maintenance budget to make case.
 - c. Ron noted we could approach the CIB to see if we could get a combination grant/loan for a water tender.
7. Closed Session (if necessary): personnel matters, awards; recognition program, etc.

Adjourn: 6:53pm