



Hurricane Valley Fire District
202 East State Street, Hurricane, Utah 84737
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**Hurricane Valley Fire District Board
Meeting
Thursday, July 09, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Fire Station #46/64
56 N Coral Canyon Blvd, Hurricane UT 84737**

Board Members Present:

*Board Chair LaRene Cox
Board Vice Chair Todd Sands
Board Member Wayne Peterson
Board Member Randy Aton
Board Member Robin Smith
Board Member Paul Luwe
Board Member Scot Pectol
Board Member Dave Imlay*

Staff:

*Chief Joseph Decker
Deputy Chief Kohl Furley
Deputy Chief Nick Wright
Clerk Mel Falaniko
Legal Counsel Ben Ruesch*

- A. Meeting Called to Order** – by Board Chair LaRene Cox at 6:00 pm
Invocation by Invitation – Board Member Scot Pectol
Pledge of Allegiance – Board Vice Chair Todd Sands
- B. Consent Agenda:** (Items on the consent agenda may not require discussion. These items will be a single motion unless removed at the request of the Chairman or Board Members.)
1. Declarations of conflict of interest - None
 2. Agenda
 3. Approval of Minutes: June 11 ,2026
 4. Review Checks & Deposits June 2026

Motion: **Board Member Wayne Peterson:** Approval of consent agenda items 1, 3, & 4, consisting of; declarations of conflict of interest, approval of minutes from June 11, 2026, and review of checks & deposits June 2026.

Second: **Board Member Paul Luwe**
Vote: **Unanimous**

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Motion: *Board Vice Chair Todd Sands:* Approval of amended agenda omitting business Item 2, Discuss 2nd quarter financials

Second: *Board Member Scot Pectol*

Vote: *Unanimous*

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- C. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:** All public comments are recommended to be submitted in writing and emailed to info@hvfssd.org by noon on the day of the meeting. No action may be taken on the matter raised under this agenda item. This item is reserved for items not listed on this agenda. (Three minutes per person) None

D. Business:

1. Oath of office for Firefighter Shelby Bartlett and Meghan Gifford.

Badge pinning ceremony firefighter Shelby Bartlett and Meghan Gifford were pinned by family.

E. Board Member Reports

Board Vice Chair Todd Sands – Thanked Chief Decker for attending and speaking to the council regarding fireworks restrictions. He stated it was very important and helpful going into 4th of July holiday. Chief Decker reported that, with one day remaining, there had been only one fire in the District, located in Virgin and caused by an illegal firework, and the holiday had otherwise been uneventful.

Board Member Scot Pectol - Thanked Deputy Chief Nick Wright for attending and addressing the LaVerkin City Council regarding the fireworks ban. He noted that some council members were hesitant about the ban and said Deputy Chief Wright presented the information firmly, kindly, and effectively. He expressed appreciation for the work of the District Staff.

Board Member Dave Imlay – A few members of the Hurricane City Council didn't agree with the fireworks ban. He didn't think a fireworks ban was a good way to start 4th of July. He then proceeded to congratulate the new firefighters on getting started in their careers.

Board Member Wayne Peterson – Reported that Leeds currently has restricted areas for fireworks if permitted on July 24th and that fireworks were completely banned for July 4th. He stated there was unofficial support from the Leeds Council to hold a special meeting, if needed, to consider a local ban should the State not provide a similar option. He thanked District staff for their efforts and congratulated them on the success of helping encourage good judgment in the communities.

Board Member Paul Luwe – Reported that Virgin was the community where the one fire occurred and stated the response by the fire department and sheriff's office was good. He noted that town officials and



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staff would participate in CPR training the following week and asked that the training be confirmed with Ryan. He also shared a historical note that August 2nd is the date the Declaration of Independence was signed and encouraged recognition of that date.

Board Member Robin Smith – On behalf of Rockville, she thanked Chief Decker and District staff for getting the word out regarding fireworks restrictions. She said she was glad the effort was successful and that there was only one small fire.

Board Member Randy Aton – Reported that Springdale has continued to ban fireworks after a town fireworks display caused a fire several years ago. He stated that Springdale recently signed a CWS agreement with the State Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands so the State would assist with fires in the community without charging the town. He also reported that Springdale signed an agreement with Hurricane Valley Fire District to serve as the official fire department for the CWS agreement.

Board Chair LaRene Cox – Reported that she had not heard of any fireworks-related issues in the unincorporated areas. She said she requested signs from the Conservancy District, Washington County, and the Fire Department along the mountain areas to alert residents and visitors, especially tourists traveling through the area. She thanked everyone for the signs and noted concern about wildfire risk in that area. She also invited the Board to Kolob Days on July 24th and 25th and said Chief Decker would attend and announce several upcoming items.

F. Adjourn

Motion: **Board Member Dave Imlay:** Motion to adjourn at 6:18pm

Second: **Board Member Robin Smith**

Vote: **Unanimous**

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Date approved:

Minutes taken by Melinda Falaniko


LaRene Cox, Board Chair

Attest:


Aren Emerson, District Clerk