

**MINUTES OF THE
EMERY COUNTY RECREATION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT
September 14, 2026**

Board members present

Judd Beagley (Chairman)
Derek Labrum (Vice Chairman)
Jordan Leonard (Commissioner)
Tara Augare (Elmo)
Breann Cowley (At Large)
Dan Whiteleather (At Large)
Bralin Wilde (Ferron)
Shaun Bell (Orangeville)
Trevor Allan (Emery)

Others present

Cade Nixon
Cara Jenkins

The meeting was called to order by Judd Beagley at 6:00 pm in Castle Dale, Utah.

1. Roll call for Board Members in attendance.

Roll Call: Judd Beagley-Yes

Tara Augare-Yes

Jordan Leonard-Yes

Derek Labrum-Yes

Dan Whiteleather-Yes

Shaun Bell-Yes

Bralin Wilde-Yes

Breann Cowley-Yes

Trevor Allan-Yes

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes. Dan Whiteleather makes a motion to approve previous meeting minutes. Shaun Bell seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Discussion/Approval of Winter Basketball Men's League. Cade Nixon presented a proposal to launch a Men's Winter Basketball League, scheduled to commence in November. Two operational options were outlined based on team registration numbers: **Option 1 (Preferred)** A structured league consisting of seven weeks of regular play followed by a concluding tournament. The estimated cost would range between \$180 and \$200 per team. **Option 2 (Contingency):** An open-gym, open-play format to be implemented in the event that team registrations do not reach the minimum threshold required for Option 1. The

board discusses potential referee options. Shaun Bell makes a motion to approve the new league. Dan Whiteleather seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Discussion- Update on Rec. projects. Judd Beagley points out the purchase and delivery of the new chairs. Cara Jenkins discusses the need for a new chair cart that was also purchased and delivered. To save on shipping costs, Judd Beagley volunteered to drive up to the Lifetime facility in Orem, Utah, to pick up and bring back both the chairs and the cart. Cara Jenkins explained that the new plastic chairs will be kept for indoor rentals and Rec. center events, while the old metal chairs will be saved to use for outdoor event rentals.

Cara Jenkins provided a comprehensive update on recent equipment purchases and budget statuses. She reported that the new volleyball net and poles were both successfully delivered and came in under their approved budget. The new sound system was also fully purchased, installed, and tested, coming in well under budget as well. However, the football helmets did exceed their approved budget, though Cara Jenkins noted they were an essential purchase required for this year's upcoming season. Lastly, she shared that the new recreation vehicle was successfully purchased and cost more than half of its originally approved budget. Judd Beagley presented a quote for the Softball Complex playground mulch project. The quote came in at double the approved budget; however, it was noted that the original budget only accounted for half the mulch depth. After further research, it was determined that a deeper layer of mulch is required to meet proper safety standards.

The board discussed a few other approved projects that are currently pending, including tree removal at the Bear Creek campground, new doors for the rec center, and a pull-behind aerator for the softball complex. These items still need to be bid out or purchased, and the board noted that they may potentially be moved into next year's budget and project lineup.

The Board decides to formally put out for bid the Softball Complex Playground project.

5. Discussion-Update on Budget. Judd Beagley inquired with Jordan Leonard regarding the status of county funds allocated for the Recreation Department. Leonard clarified that the department will receive Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds, noting that the county has just over \$43,000 to add to the budget. The board discussed current mineral lease funds, with Jordan Leonard highlighting that Fossil Rock's longwall mining is moving into BLM land. He noted that this shift will hopefully allow local service districts to begin receiving mineral lease funds once again.

6. Discussion-Update on Wiffle Ball. Cade Nixon reported that registration is now open and plans are moving forward for the Wiffle Ball program approved during the last meeting. The program will be held at the high school armory.

7. Discussion-Proposal to Change Soccer Format 2027. Cade Nixon introduced a proposal to extend the age ranges for the recreation youth soccer program. He discussed the adjustment of goal sizes to better prepare athletes for high school competition, emphasizing the importance of developing specialized skills like goalkeeping. Additionally, Nixon noted ongoing discussions with the Price Youth Soccer Association (PYSA) regarding a potential partnership to form a combined 7th–8th grade team. The board reviewed the logistics of the proposed changes and recommended moving forward to determine the requirements for establishing a 7th–8th grade league in partnership with Price.

8. Discussion/Approval-Purchase of a utility vehicle for Emery Rec. Chevy Silverado 2014 83246 mi. \$13388.00. Dan Whiteleather makes a motion to approve the purchase retroactively as the vehicle has already been acquired. Breann Cowley seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Roll Call:Judd Beagley-Yes

Tara Augare-Yes

Jordan Leonard-Yes

Derek Labrum-Yes

Dan Whiteleather-Yes

Shaun Bell-Yes

Bralin Wilde-Yes

Breann Cowley-Yes

Trevor Allan-Yes

9. Financial report and approval of Bills for Payment. Dan Whiteleather makes a motion to approve the bills for payment. Breann Cowley seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Roll Call:Judd Beagley-Yes

Tara Augare-Yes

Jordan Leonard-Yes

Derek Labrum-Yes

Dan Whiteleather-Yes

Shaun Bell-Yes
Bralin Wilde-Yes
Breann Cowley-Yes
Trevor Allan-Yes

10. Upcoming Events and Board Member Concerns.

- Melon Days Sept 18th-19th
- Bouldering Festival Oct 1st -4th

11. Chairman Comments. N/A

12. Closed/executive session (as needed) to discuss attorney/client communications regarding litigation or other matters allowed by law.

Shaun Bell makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Breann Cowley seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned.