

Moab Valley Fire Protection District Commission Meeting

45 South 100 East, Moab Utah 84532

Monday September 21, 2026 - 4:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order:

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Archie Walker at 4:00 p.m.
2. Commissioners Present: Commissioner Archie Walker, Commissioner Jim McGann, Commissioner Charlie Harrison
3. Staff Present: Chief TJ Brewer, Deputy Chief Chris Whetton, Administrator Cathy Bonde, Battalion Chief Brandon McGuffee, Mechanic Cody Greaves

B. General Business:

1. Approval of Minutes – Commissioner McGann motioned to approve minutes from the August 24, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Harrison seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Citizens to Be Heard – None present.
3. Commission Member Disclosures – Commissioner Walker stated he has two sons that are involved with the department. Commissioner McGann stated his wife is a Grand County commissioner.
4. Approval of Bills – Postponed until later in the meeting.

C. Chiefs' Reports:

1. Chief Brewer presented Captain Mark Marcum's report from the Thompson Springs station. He reported 3 incidents. The Thompson Springs roster is down to only Mark and Robert Owens. Several trainings have taken place. Water Tender 1 has been moved to the Thompson Springs station. Some repairs and maintenance have taken place at the station.
2. Chief Brewer reported on multiple meetings attended in the last month.
3. The county commission approved division of sales tax revenue as proposed by the 3 entities for 2027.
4. The fuels crew has begun work. Three of the seven are currently working.
5. The rescue truck is near completion.
6. Approximately 10 of our firefighters are going through the ADO class. They are about halfway through the intense training.
7. On 9/11 we held a moment of silence in the morning. The department supported the Children's Justice Center by participating in a kick ball tournament. Several of our firefighters were also involved in a walk-a-thon the next day.

8. Trainings are planned with both Canyonlands Airport and UMTRA's Crescent Junction site. We have been asked to participate in welcoming the inaugural flight of Delta into Canyonlands Airport.

9. Deputy Chief Whetton reported the department has 44 current members.

10. Year-to-day calls stand at 441, with 49 calls since our last meeting and 12 of those being department-wide. Significant calls include a car fire, 2 swift water call outs, a structure fire, and 2 lithium battery fires.

11. 4 calls from the last month were in San Juan County.

12. Upcoming trainings include ropes training, ADO training, and flashover training.

13. Deputy Chief Whetton shared data on call locations based on station from March 29 to present.

D. New Business:

1. Draft 2027 Amended Budget – Cathy went over budget line items. She and Chief Brewer explained how proposed amounts were determined. Discussion was had on a several line items.

E. Ongoing Business:

1. San Juan County Annexation – Cathy informed commissioners that large signs required have been posted in the proposed annexation area. We have received 2 phone calls from people inquiring about the annexation who had questions but no issues with the annexation.

2. An action still needing to be taken is to create an ILA with San Juan County covering some items verbally agreed upon in relation to the annexation.

3. The public hearing is scheduled for October 13.

4. Discussion was had on the property tax assessment related to the annexation.

F. Discussion and Potential Action Items:

1. Resolution 2026-006-A Resolution Cancelling the 2026 MVFPD Commission Election – Cathy informed commissioners of the need to cancel our election due to the fact that Charlie Harrison was the only person declaring candidacy, and no write in candidates came forward. Commissioner Walker motioned to approved Resolution 2026-006, A Resolution Cancelling the 2026 MVFPD Commission Election. Commissioner McGann seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Financial Audit Contract – Cathy presented information in relation to auditing services other than our current auditors, Smuin Rich & Marsing. Discussion took place resulting in Commissioner Harrison making a motion to accept the 3-year contract with Smuin Rich & Marsing for auditing services. Commissioner Walker seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Equipment Procurement – Ladder Truck – Chief Brewer presented information based on the committee’s assessment of needs. Commissioners discussed various aspects of the proposed ladder truck.

Chief Brewer asked that commissioners vote on purchase of the ladder truck in the October meeting.

Cathy provided information for funding of the ladder truck.

Commissioner Harrison made a motion to approve the purchase of the ladder truck. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Set Public Hearings for Proposed 2026 Amended and 2027 Budgets - Cathy informed commissioners that Grand County Treasurer Chris Kauffman has requested the date of our budget public hearing in order to provide the information on property tax bills. Commissioners chose November 17 for budget public hearings.

G. Approval of Bills:

1. Commissioner McGann asked several questions on checks related to wildland fire reimbursements. Cathy provided further information.

Commissioner McGann made a motion to approve the bills. Commissioner Harrison seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

H. Future Considerations:

1. No future considerations were discussed.

I. Adjourn:

1. Chairman Walker adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Date

Archie Walker, Chairman

Attest: _____

Catherine Bonde, Clerk