



Hurricane Valley Fire District
202 East State Street, Hurricane, Utah 84737
Administrative Office (435) 635-9562



Board Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 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 Member Wayne Peterson
Board Member Todd Sands
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

- A. **Meeting Called to Order** – by Board Chair LaRene Cox at 6:00 pm
Invocation by Invitation – Board Member Scott Pectol
Pledge of Allegiance – Board Member 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: April 9, 2026
 4. Review Checks & Deposits April 2026

Motion: *Board Member Wayne Peterson-* Approval of consent agenda items, consisting of; declarations of conflict of interest, agenda, approval of minutes from April 9th, 2026, and review of checks & deposits April 2026.

Second: *Board Member Dave Imlay*



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Vote:	<i>Board Chair LaRene Cox</i>	<i>AYE</i>
	<i>Board Member Wayne Peterson</i>	<i>AYE</i>
	<i>Board Member Todd Sands</i>	<i>AYE</i>
	<i>Board Member Randy Aton</i>	<i>AYE</i>
	<i>Board Member Robin Smith</i>	<i>AYE</i>
	<i>Board Member Paul Luwe</i>	<i>AYE</i>
	<i>Board Member Scot Pectol</i>	<i>AYE</i>
	<i>Board Member Dave Imlay</i>	<i>AYE</i>

- 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)

There was a brief discussion confirming the language changed in the agenda format of the citizen comment section. Was changed from “must be submitted” to “recommended to be submitted” moving forward.

D. Business:

1. Oath of office for Firefighter Alex Evans and Firefighter Benjamin Stewart

Alex Evans and Benjamin Stewart were Sworn in by Chief Joe Decker. Alex Pinning by his mom and Benjamin pinning by his wife

2. Discuss 1st quarter 2026 financials

Chief Decker explained the quarterly financials. Financially, everything is on track; the District has spent about 25% of the annual budget, due to loan payments paid at the beginning of the year. The reports given to the board included comparisons of previous years’ actuals to current year spending. Dave Imlay asked about the property tax increase; to which Chief Decker explained the funds we will receive in 2026 and how that will affect the discussion of future funding.

- E. **Discuss – Vote on Resolution 5-1-26R “A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A LOCAL BUILDING AUTHORITY BY HURRICANE VALLEY FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT, UTAH; AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL ACTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AUTHORIZING INCIDENTAL ACTION; AND RELATED MATTERS.”**

This resolution creates a Local Building Authority, required by law when issuing bonds. The HVFSSD board members will serve as the building authority, and it will meet as needed for bond issuance, or at least once annually. Creating a local authority allows the District to manage its own debt. The change is standard practice and has been legally reviewed.



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Estimated interest rates are around 3.5%. Future bonding plans, including new stations, will be presented around July 2026.

Motion: *Board Member Paul Luwe - Approve resolution 5-1-26R "A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A LOCAL BUILDING AUTHORITY BY HURRICANE VALLEY FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT, UTAH; AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL ACTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AUTHORIZING INCIDENTAL ACTION; AND RELATED MATTERS."*

Second: *Board Member Robin Smith*

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	<i>Board Member Robin Smith</i>	<i>AYE</i>
	<i>Board Member Paul Luwe</i>	<i>AYE</i>
	<i>Board Member Scot Pectol</i>	<i>AYE</i>
	<i>Board Member Dave Imlay</i>	<i>AYE</i>

There was a brief discussion on the District finalizing a long-running effort to transfer building ownership of stations 41 & 42 from Hurricane City to the District. Board members discussed future growth and needs, including plans for five new fire stations at Sand Hollow, Firelight/Leeds, Kolob, Virgin, and Hurricane. Impact fees were discussed on how they help cover new infrastructure and fund new growth costs. The Board expressed strong community interest and encouraged more outreach presentations like our WUI wildfire risk education.

F. Closed Session

The Board may vote to discuss certain matters in Closed Session pursuant to Utah Code Annotated 52-4-5.

No action

G. Adjourn

Motion: Board Member Dave Imlay motion to adjourn at 6:46pm

Second: Board Member Robin Smith



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Date approved:

Minutes taken by Melinda Falaniko

LaRene L. Cox

LaRene Cox, Board Chair

Attest:

Melinda Falaniko

Melinda Falaniko, District Clerk

