EMIGRATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 19, 2025

EMIGRATION CANYON FIRE STATION

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

AND ZOOM

 **Regular Meeting**

Board Members in Attendance: David Bradford – Chair, Mark Stevens – Co-Chair, Brent Tippets—Co-Chair

Ex Officio: Eric Hawkes—District Manager, Jeremy Cook—Legal Counsel, Don Barnett-- Barnett Intermountain Consulting

Mark Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Consent Approval - Minutes for May 22, 2025**

MOTION: Mark Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2025, Trustee Meeting as written. Brent Tippets seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

**2. Financial Considerations and Report**

Mr. Hawkes presented the monthly financial report and reviewed current fund balances. The board members briefly asked a few clarifying questions about some of the categories. Legal counsel noted that a portion of the retainer fee paid in the California case may be returned. In terms of maintenance and repairs, approximately half of the allocated budget has been spent so far, primarily on road repairs.

**3. Approve 2025 Salt Lake County Certified Tax Rate - .000507 Estimated Budget $225,415**

The proposed certified tax rate from the County is .000507. This rate is designed to maintain the same level of annual revenue. The estimated tax revenue for the upcoming fiscal year is $225,415. Raising the tax rate through the “Truth in Taxation” process was discussed. However, going through this process requires prior year engagement, public notifications, and public hearings, which can be burdensome.

MOTION: Mark Stevens made a motion to approve the County certified tax rate of .000507. Brent Tippets seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

**4. 2025 Declaration of Candidacy Report and Cancelation of Election**

Because no other candidate filed for the upcoming election, it was confirmed that no election is necessary this year.

MOTION: Mark Stevens made a motion to cancel the upcoming election. David Bradford seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

**5. Water System Report – System Consumption Report – Don Barnett**

Don Barnett gave the monthly water system report. It showed an increase in overall water consumption compared to previous years. Despite the increase in total consumption, usage per connection remains below historical medians, suggesting that residents continue to conserve water effectively. Approximately 95% of the water came from the Upper Freeze Creek well, while 5% came from Well One. Current water levels are around 906 feet, which is typical for this time of year. While spikes in usage are expected during hot weather, the community’s efforts in conservation appear to be holding steady.

**6. Maintenance & Repairs**

**A. Brigham Fork Well Rehabilitation update**

Mr. Hawkes mentioned that a small service line leak on Marathon Lane was repaired; it turned out to be a pinhole in a copper service line.

The discussion then centered on Brigham Fork Well, where an attempt to inspect it with a camera was unsuccessful due to blockage at 230 feet. Sediment buildup appears to have obscured visibility, and the water remains black and murky. These conditions, along with iron bacteria and poor turbidity, have persisted from earlier inspections. The board discussed several options, including abandoning the well, sealing off the lower portion with concrete, or continuing efforts to remove the tool. Don Barnett stated a plug could possibly be inserted above the tool. However, there are concerns that this upper portion may produce less water, and there is also uncertainty regarding the quality of the water. The board agreed that the next step should be to consult with the State Engineer’s Office and explore whether any specialists are willing and capable of taking on the challenge of retrieving the tool. If no feasible solution is found, the board may proceed with plugging the lower section and testing the flow. If that too fails, they may consider abandoning the well entirely.

**B. Well #1 Repair**

Regarding Well One, Mr. Hawkes reported that it is back online, although its overall depth is somewhat shorter. The well did not pass its first water quality test and had to be re-chlorinated. Further testing will confirm whether flows remain at acceptable levels or have been reduced.

Another topic of discussion was the anticipated replacement of the Skycrest culvert, which would involve a full excavation of the road. There was a brief discussion about what the county is planning to do and the impact it would have on the Skycrest residents. Chair Bradford wondered if there was an option to have an alternative water line that bypasses the road excavation to provide water to the fire hydrants during the project. Mr. Hawkes will investigate it.

**7. Any Items for Discussion from Board and/or from Visiting Public, Dismiss Public**

No comments or questions were raised by the visiting public.

**8. Closed Session – Pending Litigation**

MOTION: Board Member David Bradford made a motion to convene in closed session to discuss pending and imminent litigation or purchase/lease of real property. Brent Tippets seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Board of Trustees met in closed session from 7:40—7:50 p.m. Those present included the Board of Trustees, Eric Hawkes, Don Barnett, Jeremy Cook.

MOTION: Board Member David Bradford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brent Tippets seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

The regular meeting of the Emigration Improvement District adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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