

Flaming Gorge Fire & EMS District Public Hearing Minutes  
September 25, 2024, 5:30 PM  
Manila Fire Station  
71 West 1st North, Manila, UT 84046

1. Welcome/Introductions
  - a. District Attendees: Stephanie Rose, Bret Reynolds, Casey Olsen, Steve Forbes, Woody Bair (Virtual)
  - b. Public Attendees: Betsy Cropper, Eric Cropper, Emily Forbes
2. Presentation of CIB Application
  - a. District General Manager presented the full CIB application for a \$200,000 grant to fund the purchase of a new EMS quick response vehicle equipped for advanced life support response.
  - b. Current status of budget, tax revenues, and other sources of funding (i.e. grants) for district operations were explained. Our current budget does not include a vehicle replacement fund, but this is something the board will consider in future budget planning.
3. Open public comment on application
  - a. Comment regarding a formatting error in the application.
  - b. Question asked regarding bids for equipment and the necessity of equipment selected. Casey Olsen, EMS Director, answered the question, clarifying why this equipment is important for response in our rural environment and why it is best to purchase equipment that matches our existing supply.
  - c. Question whether there is an option of purchasing a used vehicle. Casey Olsen states he has looked at used listings, but many are high mileage vehicles and costs are often still expensive with no equipment included.
  - d. Bret asks whether there are any thoughts whether the district will be open to a loan rather than a grant. General consensus is that the board will have to consider that option if it comes to it, but applying as a grant request makes the most sense at this time.
4. Closed session for Discussion of Items permitted by § 52-4-205 of State Code\*.
  - a. No closed session
5. Adjourn- 5:58PM

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