

# PRE-HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING

## MINUTES

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

TOWN BUILDING - 2 CASTLE VALLEY DR.

This meeting was a hybrid meeting held electronically by Zoom and also in person at the anchor site the Town Building.

Present the anchor site: Mayor Duncan, Dorje Honer, Egmont Honer, Pamela Gibson, Alice Drogin, Scott Crueger, Bob Lipman, Mary O'Brien, Linda Skogard, Bruce Keeler, Greg and Karen Nunn, Brook Williams.

On Zoom: Les Bolton, Bob O'Brien, Cora Philips, Colleen Thompson and Rich Carr.

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

M Duncan called the Meeting to order at 6:00 PM, Buck did roll call

1. Open Public Comment: None

2. Forming the Hazard Committee for the 2025 Plan Update.

M Duncan explained the last update was in 2020. It is time to re-establish the Committee for the 2025 Plan. So far members are M Duncan , Les Bolton CV Emergency Manager , Dorje Honer Roads Manager and unfortunately several of the other potential member Ron Drake , Jeff Whitney Cora Phillips , Randy Ward are not able to be here tonight .

3. Scheduling the 2025 Meeting Dates .We will need to get the official Committee together in order proceed and agreed on a monthly meeting night. So we will skip #3 Items.

4. Public Discussion on the 2024 Flood Events and future plans.

M Duncan explained that we will have to address more of the flooding issues in to the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

D Honer gave an over view of the flood repairs , basically getting all resident access to their homes , lots of work still needs to happen on the roads and drainages . Currently the Road Department is working on keeping road equipment running and the permitting processes and waivers to be able to work in flood prone drainages. This involves the Department of Water Rights, Bureau of Land Management, Army Corp of Engineers as well as private landowners .The culvert at Castle Creek and Castle Valley drive has sustained flood damage and will need to be replaced in the near future. The plan is to fix Shafer as a potential all season road so we can use that an alternate/ detour road for when the Castle creek culvert project occurs.

Castle Valley Drive drainages are priority. Greg Nunn talked about damages and drainage issues on lower Holyoak. Honer spoke that they will be removing silty material from flooded roads to get them back to stable road surfaces. Issues have come up

Mary O'Brien questioned how berms created by landowners will affect changes in flood flows and how the Town will address those, particularly on lower Pope. Honer stated he has been trying to check out all the new/ existing berms and so far none of them are detrimental.

Discussion continued on berms on Pope and Holyoak that residents thought should be adjusted before more flooding. The Town is working to get town wide dirt moving permit process in place to be able to monitor drainage issues.

Mary O'Brien asked what the Town's long term plan is for flooding. M Duncan explained that is part of the Hazard Mitigation Planning process. Philips added that currently the State is doing Lidar flood mapping in several Counties, it may be several years before Grand County mapping and modeling is completed.

M Duncan added that after the floods the Town has been working with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to get grant funding. So far they have come out on fieldtrips and

estimate the project could cost upwards of \$2.5 Million. If we do get an NRCS grant that would cover the engineering and some infrastructure protection/ armoring but not culverts. So for the Castle Creek culvert the Town would have to pay for the culvert and its construction/ installation as well as 25% of the armoring of the headwall. That project would be about all the Town could afford. We can use some in kind match but that still uses the Town Roads Budget funds. Repairs for other areas damaged by flooding could be used as a match so we don't want to work in those areas until we know if it is a potential match. NRCS pointed out on their various fieldtrips that the Town of our size and budget should not expect all of the roads to be open during a flood but to be able to open the roads after a flood event. Honer showed on Google Earth what drainages, culverts etc. that were included on the NRCS fieldtrips. The BLM will not do any flood mitigation work; the Town will need permits to do the work in the Castle and Placer Creek drainages on BLM land. The attendees were encouraged to look on Google Earth to compare changes in the drainages over time. Honer did explain that most of the 24" culverts around the Valley are inadequate and low water crossing would be a more efficient alternative.

When the Castle Creek Culvert project happens the Castle Valley Drive will be closed and Shafer will be the detour route, the Town will notify residents and services in advance and there may be some limits to the size and lengths of trucks.

There was further discussion on how little property tax money the Town actually receives compared to the County. M Duncan stated that we have to be realistic in a Town of 350 people come here not for the curb and gutter or the ease of life. She is expecting to raise property taxes in her next term to help pay for road work / repair expenses. Philips explained the way the State disaster declaration works in order to get emergency funds. The Town will be reviewing the National Flood Insurance Program once the Town is Lidar mapped/ modelled about 5-7 years out. R. O'Brien explained a Town representative should join Moab, Grand County and the BLM working with Headwaters Economics for help with engineering, design and grants for flood mitigation. Headwater Economics is currently working towards a fire wise plan for Grand County. Holland volunteered to be the Town's liaison.

Honer and Duncan agreed that the Town's major focus is keeping the roads passable for residents and planning for the possibilities of more intense flooding in the future.

There was discussion on the new ordinance requiring permits for earth moving/ disturbance. This process will help the Town monitor potential flood mitigation work.

Hazard Mitigation Committee will start work on the Plan update in January there will be monthly meetings and opportunities for input.

## ADJOURNMENT

M Duncan adjourned the Meeting at 7:20PM

Approved:



Jazmine Duncan, Mayor  
Committee Chair

Attested:



Jocelyn Buck, Town Clerk

Date: 12/10/2025