

Meeting Minutes: Flaming Gorge Fire and EMS District Board

Date: August 26, 2026, 6:00 PM | **Location:** Manila Fire Station

1. Welcome / Introductions

- **Call to Order:** 6:00 PM by Board Chair Stephanie Rose.
- **Board Present:** Stephanie Rose (Chair), Leonard Isaacson, Gale Lamb, Bret Reynolds.
- **Staff/Guests Present:** Steve Forbes (District Manager), AJ Olsen (Fire Chief), Casey Olsen (EMS Director), Mike Eriksson (FFSL).
- **Virtual Attendance:** Corey Auger, Joseph Anderson, Chad Huffaker, Tom Thompson (FFSL / State Lands).
- **Absent:** Woody Bair, JayDee Guymon.

2. Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Map Presentation (Agenda Item 3)

- **Overview:** FFSL presented the new state high-risk WUI map (HB 41), built using satellite fuel data, topography, weather patterns, historical fire data, and structure density (buildings within 250m).
- **Appeals Process:** County/state level appeal deadline is September 6. Special service districts cannot appeal directly, but can submit ground-level discrepancies (vegetation changes, non-taxable structures) through Daggett County.
- **Next Steps:** Affected landowners will receive notices for voluntary lot assessments. FFSL will conduct post-fire season ground-truthing and fuel calibration workshops with district staff.

3. Department & Officer Updates (Agenda Item 2)

- **Fire Warden:** Working on DOT inspections; three equipment pieces added to fire rate agreement. The individual who won auction on the engine with a blown motor defaulted so the engine will be re-listed.
- **Fire Chief:** Live fire trailer training scheduled for Saturday at Sheriff's Office. New turnout gear arriving via UPS. Hazmat training set for Sept 10–12 in Naples. Fire restrictions moved to Stage 1.
- **EMS Director:** State EMS grant application deadline extended to Sept 20 (requesting monitors, Lucas devices, training mannequins, iPads, vehicle Starlink, and wages). Ongoing repair disputes with Heritage Vernal regarding Ambulance Echo 300; Board Member Woody Bair to contact management. District appreciation BBQ set for Sept 7 at 6:00 PM. Need to inform Casey if you will attend and how many. The State of Utah is still working with Dutch John on EMS services. The state said we could respond. There is an upcoming meeting between the State and Dutch John soon to try and resolve the issue.
- **District Manager:** Received CIB reimbursement check (\$25,956.25) for Casey's new truck. Transparent Utah compliance is up-to-date, allowing release of withheld county tax revenues.
- **Board Updates:** Bret Reynolds noted Williams is reissuing a \$1,000 contribution check.

4. Daggett County TTAB Funding Attendance (Agenda Item 4)

- Board reviewed invitation to present a TRT/TTAB funding request on Sept 17 at 11:00 AM. District donates \$16,600–\$18,000 annually in event standby coverage.
- **Action:** Tabled item to the next meeting to confirm attendance and finalize the formal proposal. (*Motion: Rose / Second: Isaacson / Unanimous*)

5. EMS Operations Board Liaison Assignment (Agenda Item 5)

- **Action:** Appointed Stephanie Rose as the official Board Liaison for EMS Operations. (*Motion: Isaacson / Second: Lamb / Unanimous*)

6. Correspondence & Administrative Items (Agenda Items 6 & 7)

- Approved August 12, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes with typographical corrections. (*Motion: Rose / Second: Isaacson / Unanimous*)

7. Expenses & Financial Review (Agenda Item 8)

- Reviewed transaction list (Aug 12–26), including \$20,574.48 in payroll and \$10,763.16 to Heritage Vernal. Current checking balance is \$48,000.
- **Action:** Expense report approved as presented. (*Motion: Rose / Second: Isaacson / Unanimous*)

8. Calendar Review (Agenda Item 9)

- Key dates: Aug 31 Total Uptime meeting; Sept 5 Labor Day Parade; Sept 7 District BBQ (6:00 PM); Sept 17 TTAB Meeting (11:00 AM).

9. Closed Session & Adjournment (Agenda Items 10 & 11)

- **Action:** Entered closed session per Utah Code § 52-4-205 at 7:36PM. (*Motion: Rose / Second: Isaacson / Roll Call: Rose—Aye, Isaacson—Aye, Lamb—Aye, Reynolds—Aye*)
- **Return to General Session at 8:17PM.** No action following closed session and meeting adjourned at 8:18PM.