

# Emery County Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes

Date: May 18, 2020

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: 75 East Main Street Castle Dale, Utah

Swell Conference Room

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**In Attendance:** Kobi Erni, Ignacio Arien, Chase Majors, Randy Nielson, Carrie Childs, Andrew Childs, Ben Lehnhoff, Stoney Jensen, Kevin Bowman, Warren Oviatt, Tracy Addley, Jeramy Jorgensen, TJ, and Kassidee Greenan.

Ignacio called the meeting to order.

**1. 5:30pm Public Hearing to receive comments on amending the 2020 budget of the Emery County Fire Protection Special Service District.**

Chase made a motion to open the public hearing, Kobi seconded the motion, motion passed. We want to transfer \$354,000 from the capital fund to the general fund so we can start the fire truck refurbishment project. We will have about \$756,500 still left in the capital fund.

Chase made a motion to close the public hearing, Kobi seconded the motion, motion passed.

**2. Consideration and approval of amendments to the 2020 budget of Emery County Fire Protection Special Service District.**

\$362,000 will be for the first two trucks-Green River and Cleveland. We will get the application into CIB by October. Still going to CIB to try and get a 50/50 loan for the next round of trucks. Loan to be paid off in 2023. Then go back to CIB at that time to finish the rest of the trucks, just depending on where things are at at this time. Chase made a motion to approve the amendments to the 2020 budget, Warren seconded the motion. Randy nay, Ben aye, Nosh aye, Warren aye, Kobi aye, Stoney aye, Chase aye. Motion passed.

**3. Approval of minutes for February 2020 meeting.**

There was no meeting held in March or April due to COVID-19. Randy made a motion to approve the February minutes, Stoney seconded the motion, motion passed.

**4. UFRA comments and business.**

Kevin-all we are doing right now is rescheduling Fire 1 & 2 classes we had to cancel due to COVID-19, we have 7 of these classes throughout the state being rescheduled. Wildland classes are running now also. Everything after July 1st as of now is still being planned on. Students will have to provide their own PPE Gear. January 22 & 23, 2021 will be winter fire school.

**5. Emery County Regional Fire School.**

As of now we are still planning on holding this on August 21 & 22. June 20 needs an idea of how many people. July 20 we need more of a final number.

**6. State Fire Marshal's Office comments and business.**

Nobody present.

**7. Forestry, Fire and State Lands comments and business.**

Jeramy-PAC test waiver from still missing some from some chief's. S-131 is scheduled in Moab June 9 & 10, class is free of charge for departments. If you would like to go talk with Jeramy. MOU documentation will be on a thumb drive, hope to have them out by next chiefs meeting. Fire assistant grant that was due last week will be scored and will be awarded June 19. DOT inspections need to be sent to Jeramy when you get these done.

**8. BLM comments and business.**

Nobody present.

**9. PC Agreement 2020 discussion.**

Nosh-controlled burn was being done and got out of control due to wind. The farmer's insurance wants the Fire Department to pay for it. Jeramy said they have a waiver for property owners to sign beforehand that states the department is not responsible. The district will need to create a waiver. We may have already met our PC agreement for the year, Kassidee will make sure.

**10. By-Laws Update.**

A copy of the by-laws with changes highlighted, were given to each chief for them to take home and read through. We will vote on them at the next meeting.

**11. SOP's**

We will finish the by-laws first and then work on SOP's for the district. We do not need a lot of them, just a few basic ones.

**12. Discussion on Fire Truck Refurbishment Project.**

Nosh-We've discussed this for 3 meetings and multiple emails have been sent out and if we wouldn't have transferred the money today we would've wiped out the general fund because he had already signed the contract, it was voted on to proceed with the plan and was passed.

Right now we have the money to do the plan that Nosh has created. But we know things could change. Our budget is doing very well this year. Nosh will call tomorrow to schedule Clevalnd & Green River Tucks. Kassidee will take the CIB application and work on it and then get it back to Nosh & Stoney.

**13. Fire equipment upgrades.**

If we have any extra money we may have we could put towards new equipment. New helmets, electric fans, piercing nozzles, etc. start thinking of things we need. We could use the money as a district and order in bulk and get a discount, instead of ordering separately.

**14. SCBA Testing**

The district wants to do SCBA testing. Nosh will contact L&N Curtis to schedule this.

**15. Motion to pay the bills.**

Insurance, entity registration, e-dispatch, Huntington's invoices from the turnout money. Stoney made a motion to pay the bills, Randy seconded the motion, motion passed.

**16. Chief's round table.**

Nosh-PPE gear coming from the state, emails have been coming every week asking what each department needs. Every board member needs to be trained annually on the Open & Public Meeting Act, he will bring the information next meeting. Andrew Childs is the new Fire Chief for Emery.

Randy-PPE Gear, didn't get the email but Ferron would like some. Nosh will ask for more PPE Gear.

Chase-Do joint training with city's that fight together. SOP's who goes to what calls is something to discuss. Bring in dispatch to our meeting to discuss this.

**17. Citizens' concerns.**

Nobody present.