Emery County Planning & Zoning
MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2021 2:00 p.m.

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IN ATTENDANCE: Gary Arrington, Jim Jennings, Julie Johansen, Tyler Jeffs, Bart Cox, Maegan Crosland (online)

1. **Welcome**

Gary Arrington welcomed everyone and started the meeting.

2. **Approval of December 08, 2021 Meeting Minutes.**

Minutes had not been reviewed. Tabled until January meeting.

3. **Discussion regarding CAFO Ordinance for Emery County.**

Gary and Jim went on a field trip down by Green River, and down south of Emery and Moore. They both feel that south of Emery is ideal. It is near a highway and a freeway. There is already access to utilities out there. Jim drafted a CAFO ordinance for review today. Jim talked to Mike about this ordinance a little bit yesterday and he will give his recommendations as well. Gary and Jim recommended requiring 2 miles instead of 3 miles on the distance a CAFO can be in proximity to residences/towns. In comparison with Garfield, Sevier and other ordinances that were reviewed it varied between 2 and 3 miles.

Jim states Garfield County's ordinance has a section regarding CNMP that has to be approved by the USDA. He recommends we add this to our ordinance. We do not have anyone at a County level right now that can approve a CNMP, so we would like them to have an approved USDA plan for the overall operation.

Tyler voiced concern that the land we are considering proposing is mostly BLM or SITLA land rather than privately owned land. At the current proposed location outside of Emery there is not good water, there isn't ground for growing good feed, and there is a lack of affordable housing arrangements in that area. The entity's trying to come into the area will have a lot of work to do working through BLM and State Land permitting and allowances. Tyler also feels it is important

to state who can legally own these agricultural properties. Are we going to allow foreign entities and corporations to own these properties?

Motion to approve the discussed changes/additions to our CAFO draft and continue working through the process made by Bart Cox. Second by Julie Johansen. Approved.

4. **Adjourn.**