

BLUFF TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF BLUFF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT
GRANT REQUEST FOR \$50,000 FOR AN EMERGENCY PORTABLE GENERATOR

September 24, 2024

Bluff Community Center at 4:00 p.m.

190 N 3rd East P.O. Box 324

435-672-9990

This meeting was held in person at the Bluff Community Center and virtually.

Additional details about the project can be found on the town's website at

www.townofbluff.org.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mayor Ann K. Leppanen, Luanne Hook, Jennifer Davila, Linda Sosa, Britt
Hornsby

Erin Nelson: Town Manager

Notetaker: Erin Nelson

In Person Attendees: Kathleen Pakish, Bob Rosell

Online Attendees: Sarah Burak

1. Public comment on the Town of Bluff's U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Grant for \$50,000 for a portable generator.

Hornsby opened the meeting and stated the purpose of the public hearing.

Nelson introduced the project and explained that the town had been approached in June 2024 by the USDA and notified that grants totaling \$50,000 were available for emergency preparedness for rural communities. The proposed project and grant application entails the purchase of a mobile/portable generator unit for the Town of Bluff to be used during power outages to provide electricity to a central community gathering space like the Bluff Community Center. Heating, cooling, phone charging, and access to other critical resources would all be made possible with the generator during an emergency. The total cost of a portable generator will be approximately \$64,000, and the town's grant proposal includes a cash

match of just under \$14,000 to obtain the unit. Hornsby opened the floor for public comments.

Sarah Burak

Burak stated she had read the proposal and was in support of the project. She stated she thought it was well written and encouraged the town to apply.

Hornsby asked whether there were any restrictions about loaning out the generator to the surrounding community. Nelson stated that no, the proposal encouraged the use around the area, as needed. Leppanen stated that the town would want to create a policy for loaning out the device, and also noted that the generator fits within the drafted emergency preparedness plan.

2. Other/Adjourn

Davila made the motion to close the public hearing. Hook seconded the motion.

Five in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.