

**APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR THE
MANZANOLA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

DECEMBER 31, 2024

HANCOCK FROESE & COMPANY LLC

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Manzanola Rural Fire Protection District
Manzanola, Colorado

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the Manzanola Rural Fire Protection District, which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2024, and the related statements of revenue and expenditures for the year then ended, included in the accompanying prescribed form in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. We do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on the financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form.

The financial statements included in the accompanying prescribed form are presented in accordance with the requirements of the State of Colorado, Office of the State Auditor and are not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Manzanola Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors and the Colorado Office of the State Auditor, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Supplementary Information

The accompanying supplementary information contained in Part 4 through 10 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management. The supplementary information was subject to our compilation engagement. We have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information and do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.



HANCOCK FROESE & COMPANY LLC

March 31, 2025

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

SHORT FORM

**NAME OF GOVERNMENT
ADDRESS**

Manzanola Rural Fire Protection District
100 South Railroad Street / PO Box 177
Manzanola, CO 81058
Shamay Smith
719-980-0347

**For the Year Ended
12/31/24
or fiscal year ended:**

**CONTACT PERSON
PHONE
EMAIL**

PART 1 - CERTIFICATION OF PREPARER

I certify that I am skilled in governmental accounting and that the information in the application is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

NAME:	Andrew Froese, CPA
TITLE	Member
FIRM NAME (if applicable)	Hancock Froese & Company LLC
ADDRESS	PO Box 669, Rocky Ford, CO 81067
PHONE	719-980-1962

PREPARER <small>(SIGNATURE REQUIRED)</small>	DATE PREPARED <small>(No exemption shall be granted prior to the close of said fiscal year)</small>				
 Member	3/31/2025				
Please indicate whether the following financial information is recorded using Governmental or Proprietary fund types	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; padding: 2px;"> GOVERNMENTAL <small>(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)</small> </td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; padding: 2px;"> PROPRIETARY <small>(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)</small> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	GOVERNMENTAL <small>(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS)</small>	PROPRIETARY <small>(CASH OR BUDGETARY BASIS)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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PART 2 - REVENUES

All revenues for all funds must be reflected in this section, including proceeds from the sale of the government's land, building, and equipment, and proceeds from debt or lease transactions. Financial information will not include fund equity information.

Line #	Description	Round to the nearest dollar	
2-1	Taxes: Property (report mills levied in question 10-7)	\$ 41,492	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
2-2	Specific ownership	\$ 7,196	
2-3	Sales and use	\$ -	
2-4	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-5	Licenses and permits	\$ -	
2-6	Intergovernmental: Grants	\$ 12,710	
2-7	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	\$ -	
2-8	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	\$ -	
2-9	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-10	Charges for services	\$ -	
2-11	Fines and forfeits	\$ -	
2-12	Special assessments	\$ -	
2-13	Investment income	\$ 484	
2-14	Charges for utility services	\$ -	
2-15	Debt proceeds (should agree to table 4-4, column 'Issued during year')	\$ -	
2-16	Lease proceeds	\$ -	
2-17	Developer Advances received (should agree to table 4-4, column 'Issued during year')	\$ -	
2-18	Proceeds from sale of capital assets	\$ -	
2-19	Fire and police pension	\$ -	
2-20	Donations	\$ -	
2-21	Other (specify):	\$ -	
2-22		\$ -	
2-23		\$ -	
2-24		\$ -	
2-25		\$ -	
2-26	(add lines 2-1 through 2-25) TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 61,882	

PART 3 - EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

All expenditures for all funds must be reflected in this section, including the purchase of capital assets and principal and interest payments on long-term debt. Financial information will not include fund equity information.

Line #	Description	Round to the nearest dollar	
3-1	Administrative	\$ 1,536	Please use this space to provide any necessary explanations
3-2	Salaries	\$ -	
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ -	
3-4	Contract services	\$ 1,496	
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -	
3-6	Insurance	\$ 10,700	
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ -	
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ 1,381	
3-9	Supplies	\$ 2,431	
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ -	
3-11	Fire/Police	\$ -	
3-12	Streets and highways	\$ -	
3-13	Public health	\$ -	
3-14	Capital outlay	\$ 13,620	
3-15	Utility operations	\$ 3,133	
3-16	Culture and recreation	\$ -	
3-17	Debt service principal (should agree to table 4-4, column 'Retired during year')	\$ -	
3-18	Debt service interest	\$ -	
3-19	Repayment of Developer Advance Principal (should agree to table 4-4, column 'Retired during year')	\$ -	
3-20	Repayment of Developer Advance Interest	\$ -	
3-21	Contribution to pension plan	\$ -	
3-22	Contribution to Fire & Police Pension Assoc.	\$ -	
3-23	Other (specify):	\$ -	
3-24		\$ -	
3-25		\$ -	
3-26		\$ -	
3-27		\$ -	
3-28	(add lines 3-1 through 3-27) TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 34,297	

If TOTAL REVENUES (Line 2-26) or TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Line 3-28) are GREATER than \$100,000 - **STOP**. You may not use this form. Please use the "Application for Exemption from Audit - LONG FORM".

PART 6 - CAPITAL AND RIGHT-TO-USE ASSETS

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

Yes No

6-1 Does the entity have capital assets?
(If 'No' is checked, skip the rest of Part 6)

6-2 Has the entity performed an annual inventory of capital assets in accordance with Section 29-1-506, C.R.S.,? If no, **MUST** explain:

Complete the following capital & right-to-use assets table:	Balance - beginning of the year*	Additions [^]	Deletions	Year-End Balance
Land	\$ 24,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,000
Buildings	\$ 166,943	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 166,943
Machinery and equipment	\$ 350,252	\$ 13,620	\$ -	\$ 363,872
Furniture and fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Infrastructure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construction In Progress (CIP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leased & SBITA Right-to-Use Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization (Please enter a negative, or credit, balance)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 541,195	\$ 13,620	\$ -	\$ 554,815

*Must agree to prior year-end balance

[^]Generally capital asset additions should be reported as capital outlay on line 3-14 and capitalized in accordance with the government's capitalization policy. Please explain any discrepancy

Part 6 - Please use this space to provide any explanations/comments or attach documentation, if needed

PART 7 - PENSION INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

Yes No

7-1 Does the entity have an "old hire" firefighters' pension plan?

7-2 Does the entity have a volunteer firefighters' pension plan?

If yes: Who administers the plan? FPPA

Indicate the contributions from:

Tax (property, SO, sales, etc.):	\$ -
State contribution amount:	\$ -
Other (gifts, donations, etc.):	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -

What is the monthly benefit paid for 20 years of service per retiree as of Jan 1? \$ 100

Part 7 - Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments

PART 8 - BUDGET INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

Yes No N/A

8-1 Did the entity file a budget with the Department of Local Affairs for the current year in accordance with Section 29-1-113 C.R.S.?
 If no, **MUST** explain:

8-2 Did the entity pass an appropriations resolution, in accordance with Section 29-1-108 C.R.S.? If no, **MUST** explain:

If yes: Please indicate the amount appropriated for each fund separately for the year reported (Please make sure each individual fund's appropriation agrees to how the budget was adopted. Do not combine funds)

Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund
General Fund	\$332,751.00

PART 9 - TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS (TABOR)

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box.

Yes No

- 9-1 Is the entity in compliance with all the provisions of TABOR [State Constitution, Article X, Section 20(5)]?

Note: An election to exempt the entity from the spending limitations of TABOR does not exempt the entity from the 3 percent emergency reserve requirement. All entities should determine if they meet this requirement of TABOR.

Part 9 - If no, MUST use this space to provide any explanations

PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes.

Yes No

- 10-1 Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?

If yes: Date of formation:

- 10-2 Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?

If yes: Please list the NEW name:

Please list the PRIOR name:

- 10-3 Is the entity a metropolitan district?

10-4 Please indicate what services the entity provides:

- 10-5 Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?

If yes: List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided:

Colorado Forest Service: Fire Suppression

- 10-6 Has the district filed a *Title 32, Article 1 Special District Notice of Inactive Status* during the year? [Applicable to Title 32 special districts only, pursuant to Sections 32-1-103 (9.3) and 32-1-104 (3), C.R.S.]

If yes: Date filed:

- 10-7 Does the entity have a certified mill levy?

If yes: Please provide the following mills levied for the year reported (do not report \$ amounts):

Bond redemption mills	-
General/other mills	4.532
Total mills	4.532

- 10-8 If the entity is a Title 32 Special District formed after 7/1/2000, has the entity filed its preceding year annual report with the State Auditor as required under SB 21-262 [Section 32-1-207 C.R.S.]? If **NO**, please explain.

Please use this space to provide any additional explanations or comments not previously included

PART 11 - GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box.

Yes

No

11-1 If you plan to submit this form electronically, have you read the Electronic Signature Policy?

Office of the State Auditor — Local Government Division - Exemption Form Electronic Signature Policy and Procedure

Policy - Requirements

The Office of the State Auditor Local Government Audit Division may accept an electronic submission of an application for exemption from audit that includes governing board signatures obtained through a program such as DocuSign or EchoSign. Required elements and safeguards are as follows:

- The preparer of the application is responsible for obtaining board signatures that comply with the requirement in Section 29-1-604 (3), C.R.S., that states the application shall be personally reviewed, approved, and signed by a majority of the members of the governing body.
- The application must be accompanied by the signature history document created by the electronic signature software. The signature history document must show when the document was created and when the document was emailed to the various parties, and include the dates the individual board members signed the document. The signature history must also show the individuals' email addresses and IP address.
- Office of the State Auditor staff will not coordinate obtaining signatures.

The application for exemption from audit form created by our office includes a section for governing body approval. Local governing boards note their approval and submit the application through one of the following two methods:

- 1) Submit the application in hard copy via the US Mail including original signatures.
- 2) Submit the application electronically via email and either,
 - a. Include a copy of an adopted resolution that documents formal approval by the Board, **or**
 - b. Include electronic signatures obtained through a software program such as DocuSign or EchoSign in accordance with the requirements noted above.

**Print or type the names of ALL members of current governing body below.
A MAJORITY of the members of the governing body must sign below.**

Board Member 1	Board Member's Name: I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: _____ MAY 2027 _____	JOSH FIEF Signature _____ Date _____
Board Member 2	Board Member's Name: I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: _____ MAY 2025 _____	BRETT STOWERS Signature _____ Date _____
Board Member 3	Board Member's Name: I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: _____ MAY 2027 _____	SHAMAY SMITH Signature _____ Date _____
Board Member 4	Board Member's Name: I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: _____ MAY 2025 _____	ANDREW MILLS Signature _____ Date _____
Board Member 5	Board Member's Name: I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: _____ MAY 2025 _____	BRIAN TAYLOR Signature _____ Date _____
Board Member 6	Board Member's Name: I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: _____	_____ Signature _____ Date _____
Board Member 7	Board Member's Name: I attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approved this application for exemption from audit. My term expires: _____	_____ Signature _____ Date _____

**RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE FOR EXEMPTION FROM
AUDIT**

(PURSUANT TO Section 29-1-604,C.R.S.)

A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 FOR THE MANZANOLA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Manzanola rural Fire Protection District wishes to claim exemption form the audit requirements of section 29-1-603,C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, Section 29-1-604,C.R.S. states that any local government where neither revenues nor expenditures exceed five hundred thousand dollars may, with approval of the State Auditors, be exempt from the provisions of Section 29-1-603,C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, neither revenues nor expenditures for the Manzanola Rural Fire Protection District exceeded \$100,000 for the fiscal year 2024; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for the Manzanola Rural Fire Protection District has been prepared by Bradley Roe, a person skilled in government accounting; and

WHEREAS, said application for exemption from audit has been completed in accordance with regulations issued by the State Auditor.


NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved/ordained by the Board of Directors of the Manzanola Rural Fire Protection District that the application for exemption for audit for the Manzanola Rural Fire Protection District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 had been reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the Board of Directors of the Manzanola Rural Fire Protection District; that those members of the Board of Directors have signified their approval by signing below; and that this resolution shall be attached to, and shall become a part of the application for exemption from audit of the Manzanola Rural Fire Protection District for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

ADOPTED THIS __31st__ day of __March_____,A.D.2025



President of the Board of Directors

ATTESTED:



Secretary of the Board of Directors

CONT: RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT 2024

Members of Governing body	Date Term Expires	Signature
<u>Josh Fief</u>	May 2027	<u>Josh Fief</u>
<u>Brett Stowers</u>	May 2025	<u>Brett Stowers</u>
<u>Shamay Smith</u>	May 2027	<u>Shamay N. Smith</u>
<u>Andrew Mills</u>	May 2025	<u>Andrew Mills</u>
<u>Brian Taylor</u>	May 2025	<u>Brian Taylor</u>