

The Rye Fire Protection District

**MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING
Regular Meeting May 15, 2017**

Present Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Rich Simpson, Mr. Mike Davis, Mr. Garry Melchi,
Mr. Wally Rice

Absent Directors – None

Others - Chief Steve Bennett, Captain Jim Beach

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mr. Schaiberger, who chaired the meeting.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken and present members were introduced.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schaiberger asked for any additions or changes to the meeting agenda. It was noted that the meeting date should be May 15, 2017.

Motion to approve Meeting Agenda for May 15, 2017 with the change of date.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Simpson

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi, Mr. Rice
Nay: None

Receive or Act on Board Correspondence

None.

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Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schaiberger asked for approval of the minutes of April 2017.

Motion to approval of the meeting minutes for April 2017 as presented.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Rice

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi, Mr. Rice
Nay: None

Treasurer's Report

Accounts Receivable. Chief Bennett noted that the pie charts reflect year-to-date figures.

Accounts Payable. Mr. Schaiberger asked Chief Bennett to verify that the propane is being charged at the contract price.

EMA Activity. It was noted that legal counsel has been out on medical leave until late next week, thus no meeting took place. It was noted that another 2% drop in year-to-date collections occurred.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable for April 2017.

Motion: Mr. Simpson
Second: Mr. Davis

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi, Mr. Rice
Nay: None

Fire Chief Report

Statistics. In the Month April 2017, Rye Fire was responded to 86 calls for service of which 65 were

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EMS and 21 were fire related. In comparison with previous year this is an increase of 2% from 2016 and an increase of 25% from the 5-year average of 69.

Administration/Operations. Currently waiting on response from FEMA pertaining to a grant request for the purchase of two (2) Life Pack 15 cardiac monitors.

San Isabel Electric donated a truck, we will be utilizing this truck mainly as a Utility truck carrying tools, fans, technical rescue equipment.

New handheld (portable radios) have been programmed, received and in service. The vehicle radios are in the process of scheduling for the installs, all vehicle will be getting the new radios as well. This was funded through CSEEP and Home Land Security.

Prevention. We continue to provide Mitigation assessments for homeowners throughout the District. A lot of the mitigation assessments are requested from the homeowner's insurance or the insurance agent of the purchaser.

Rye Fire assisted the school with their fire drills.

Training. Training has been ongoing. Fire training covered extrication, ground operations, mapping along with SOG's, and completion of pack test for all staff. EMS training is ongoing with a new topic every 6 days providing continuing education for annual requirements.

Task List.

- **Fire Hydrants.** Testing is in progress and was halted last week by Colorado City Metro due to a mechanical failure on their water level reporting. Testing should resume soon.
- **Research Billing Companies.** Chief Bennett provided this update during the EMA discussion.
- **Projects.** Will be discussed later in the meeting.

Old Business

Interagency

There is only one (1) fire in Colorado as of today. Others available are outside the agreed upon response region.

Fire Hydrants

Discussed during Chief's report.

Projects

Chief Bennett presented a list of seven (7) projects that Mr. Rice, Captain Beach and Chief Bennett assembled. Chief Bennett noted that he is currently reviewing more potential projects submitted by staff. A lengthy discussion talked about the projects with the Board agreeing that Priority 1 & 2 projects should be pursued. Chief Bennett will start pricing those for the next board meeting.

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New Business

Resolution 17-007 – Adopting the Pueblo County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Chief Bennett presented the resolution which has already been signed by the Pueblo County Commissioners and several county fire departments. This resolution enables the County to obtain federal funds easier in the event of a disaster for Public items. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this resolution with some concerns by the Board over public vs. private items. Chief Bennett will forward to legal counsel for review. There may be a deadline for approval, thus a Special Meeting may have to be held to further review this resolution and adoption. Chief Bennett will monitor the dates.

Quit Claim Deed for Property at Highway 165 and Highway 181

Ten (10) years ago, Colorado City Metro deeded a parcel of land at the above referenced location for the development of a new fire station for the District. There was a stipulation that if no substantial development of the land was completed within a ten (10) year period that the property would automatically revert to the Metro. Due to substantial concerns over building on the property, Rye Fire has not pursued any development of the site and will revert the site back to Colorado City Metro.

Motion to revert the property at the southeast corner of Highway 165 and Highway 181 back to the Colorado City Metro District.

Motion: Mr. Schaiberger
Second: Mr.

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi, Mr. Rice
Nay: None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:09 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Davis

Dated this 15th Day of May 2017.



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Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain