

**The Rye Fire Protection District**

**MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS MEETING  
Regular Meeting January 17, 2015**

Present Directors – Mr. Wade Wills, Mr. Jim Elliott, Mr. Mike Davis, Mr. Garry Melchi

Absent Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger

Others - Chief Steve Bennett, Captain Jim Beach

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Elliott, who chaired the meeting.

**Roll Call**

Captain Beach performed roll call. Mr. Schaiberger was noted as an excused absence by Mr. Elliott.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Elliott asked for any additions or changes to the meeting agenda.

Motion to approve Meeting Agenda for January 17, 2015 as posted.

Motion: Mr. Davis  
Second: Mr. Wills

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Wills, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi  
Nay: None

**Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

None.

**Receive or Act on Board Correspondence**

None.

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### Approval of Minutes of December 15, 2014 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 15, 2014 as submitted.

Motion: Mr. Wills  
Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Wills, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi  
Nay: None

### Treasurer's Report

Inquiries were made into several accounts. Chief Bennett noted that since revenues and expenses are higher in a several accounts, Rye Fire will need to file a revised 2014 Budget with the State of Colorado once the accounting for 2014 has been completed.

Motion to approve Accounts Receivable for December 2014.

Motion: Mr. Davis  
Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Wills, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi  
Nay: None

Accounts Payable. Several questions were asked and answered.

Motion to approve Accounts Payable for December 2014.

Motion: Mr. Melchi  
Second: Mr. Wills

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Wills, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi  
Nay: None

EMA Report. It was noted that for the year 2014, Ambulance Receipts were just over \$1,000 higher than budget.

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## Fire Chief Report

**Statistics.** In the month of December 2014, Rye Fire responded to 47 calls for service of which 41 were EMS related and 6 were fire related. In comparison with previous year, this is a decrease of 23% from 2013 and a decrease of 46% change from the 5-year average of 58. It was slow at the beginning of the month with call pick-up the last half of the month.

**Administration/Operations.** A new grant has been prepared and submitted through FEMA. This request was for full sets of turn out gear along with wildland gear. Also included with the request is a washer/dryer specifically for gear and a dryer. These appliances will be to help the gear have a better and longer life.

The State of Colorado has opened their grant for bunker gear January 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be submitting a request for funds to purchase bunker gear. The priority level from the State ranks bunker gear and SCBA gear as high priority.

**Prevention.** We continue to provide Mitigation assessments for various homeowners throughout the District.

Provided assistance to School District 70 for fire drills and all hazard drills.

**Training.** Training has been ongoing throughout the month. Fire training covered general fire knowledge, wildland, and basic chemistry. EMS training is ongoing with a new topic every 6 days concerning procedure changes, protocol changes and continuing education.

Chief Bennett noted that Chief 1 vehicle was once again struck while on the Interstate during poor weather. The vehicle was out of shop less than 24 hours and sustained minor damage. The vehicle was strategically placed at an incident to minimize exposure. Another insurance claim is in process with the vehicle scheduled to go in for repairs later this month.

## Old Business

### Hatchet Ranch Updates

Mr. Elliott reported that Mr. Schaiberger received word from the National Guard and that option for moving the tank will not be completed. Mr. Schaiberger will continue to work on the house mover option after he recuperates. Mr. Elliott noted that they completed addition valve insulation, which appears to be working since the extremely cold temperatures have not affected the valves. When warmer temperatures arrive, these valves will be revisited.

### MSEC Update

No update available from Mr. Schaiberger for this meeting.

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## New Business

## Miscellaneous Items

Chief Bennett reported that the City of Pueblo has taken possession of the Peterbuilt. Payment has been received and will be reflected in next month's reports.

Chief Bennett reported that the City of Pueblo has installed the radios in the new Med 21 Ambulance, which will soon be in service.

## Workshop Session

It was noted that the Workshop Session next month will be held on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm at the Colorado City Metro Offices. The Regular Meeting will be changed to a Special Meeting on the same date and will start at 5:00 pm at the same location.

## Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:32 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Wills  
Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Wills, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi  
Nay: None

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015.



Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain