

MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Special Meeting November 4, 2009

Present: Sonny Hood, Director; William Monck, Director; Ed Sutcliffe, Director; Doug Branch.

Absent: Hank Asbury; Director

Others: Steve Bennett, Phil Daniels, Dave Mower, Jim Beach, Scott Carlton

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Hood.

Budget 2010

Mr. Hood asked if there were any requests from the public concerning the budget. Chief Daniels states there were no requests for copies of the budget and no copies were sent out. There are no changes in the budget since the last meeting. Property taxes went down slightly, there were no changes with the interagency, and the increase in medical is due to us getting busier along with the collection trends increasing.

Adjusted personnel to include a 1.5% cost of living increase. Fuel costs are down and seem to be staying low. Our training and tuition have all decreased as well.

Mr. Branch asked why there is an increase of 3 ½% in the personnel category. Chief Daniels states this is due to the cost of living increase along with an increase in part-time. With the increase in calls and the use of the part-time this will increase and they get paid for calls they attend. Mr. Branch also asked why the training has decrease as he feels this vital. Chief Daniels stated that we have most of the major training completed with all employees, with that completed all that remains is basically maintenance training. We are planning on decreasing the operation supplies as well.

The misc. non-operating revenue contains funds from equipment to sell and reimbursement for classes/training.

With there being no further discussion or amendments to the 2010 budget proposal Mr. Monck motions to approve the 2010 budget.

Motion: Mr. Monck
Second: Mr. Sutcliffe
Aye: All Present

Bids for New Fire Engine

Bids were sent out to 3 companies, received bids back from 2 of the 3. The specifications for the truck fall inline with Engine 23 with some improvements. The pump will be bigger which will increase the height and length of the truck; this is why we did not go with a bigger pump.

Placer bid came back at \$291,000 and Pierce came back with \$343,000.

The lease will be setup for 10 years with annual payment of approximately \$38,500 through Tax Exempt Leasing Corp.

The fire engine will have a 1 year warranty from the point we take possession, 5 years on parts and 10 years on the body and tank. The cab body will be International.

This engine will replace Engine 1.

Mr. Branch motions that we accept the proposal from Placer and seek leasing arrangements

Motion:	Mr. Branch
Second:	Mr. Sutcliffe
Aye:	All

New Business

Fire Inspections

We have been conducting fire inspections for the past year. These are mainly target at the commercial owners. Most business owners are compliant with the inspections and complete the requested improvements for fire code. However, there are some businesses that are not complying like they should. The main one of concern is Fountain Square. We have contacted the owner several times with requests to reconfigure concrete barriers around the building for access into and out of the parking areas. Currently we cannot fit our larger fire engines through the spaces provided and with our smaller units is complicates our egress, so it provides a safety issue for our firefighters. The Board gives Chief Daniels to contact the County attorney to see if they want to enforce the fire code violations. If they do not want to comply then seek legal advice from our attorney.

Another property in question is one of Colorado City Metro Districts' buildings. This is the Hollydot golf course club house and maintenance area beneath the building. There are concerns because they maintain the golf carts beneath the building in the garage area; they also have above storage fuel tanks that are not labeled.

Days Inn has a problem with one of the zones with their fire alarm system and the pull station in the lobby area not working. We have been in contact with Days Inn and they have their alarm company getting those issues repaired. This is to be complete by Friday; if they fail to have this completed we will send out a letter explaining the importance of the repairs and could face the possibility of being shut down until the work is completed.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:45 p.m.

Motion:	Mr. Monck
Second:	Mr. Sutcliffe
Aye:	All Present

Dated this 5th day of November, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven E. Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "S".

Submitted by Steven E. Bennett, Lieutenant