

**The Rye Fire Protection District**

**MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS MEETING  
Workshop Meeting February 15, 2016**

Present Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Mike Davis, Mr. Wade Wills, Mr. Garry Melchi

Absent Directors – Mr. Wally Rice

Others - Chief Steve Bennett, Captain Jim Beach, Mr. Mark Reeves

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 P.M. by Mr. Wills who chaired the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

Motion to approve Workshop Agenda for February 1, 2016 as posted.

Motion: Mr. Schaiberger  
Second: Mr. Davis

Further Discussion: None.

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

**Workshop Session**

Chief Bennett did a presentation for the group. Following the presentation, slides were reviewed based upon information presented. The presentation included transitions for the slides and bullet point transitions, which were decided to be removed.

Slide #1. This is Rye Fire’s emblem which is on all uniforms. No changes.

Slide #2. This contains a brief history with our mil levy history. Slide-moved the 6.00 mill around on the statement. Under notes, added “In 2003, the 24/7 coverage began to ensure personnel for answering emergency response calls.” Also noted that under Huerfano County, that a small portion” was “included.” For Custer County, added “a portion” to the description. For Hatchet Ranch, added “all” to the description.

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Slide #3. This is the slide with the equipment in front of Station #2. Slide-decided to add a few pictures of older equipment before this to show how far we have developed. Add wording that 85% of our calls are EMS to the first bullet point. Talking points-after the second bullet point, add a slide with our district and the last bullet point.

Slide #4. This is the slide with the mountains. Slide-suggested finding a slide with our mountains and change the picture. Talking points-no changes.

Slide #5. This is a comic who illustrates the struggle between inflation and income. Slide-no changes recommended. Talking points-add “personnel expenses” to the list of items with increased costs. For the second bullet point, add “Paid coverage hours per week has risen from about 100 hours per week to roughly 700 hours per week.”

Slide #6. This slide shows various mill levy’s in the region. Slide-no changes recommended. Talking points-add note that AMR does medical transport for Black Forest. Add note that Beulah does their medical transports. Add note that Pueblo Rural has AMR do their medical transports.

Slide #7. This is a smokey fire slide. Slide-no changes recommended.

Slide #8. This is the slide with three (3) fire trucks. Slide-change wording from “highly quality” to “highly qualified”. Talking points-change wording from “Pueblo Community College” to “Pueblo Fire”. Add estimated that training a new individual is several thousand dollars for background checks, drug screening, employment physicals along with the on-the-job time for training.

Slide 9. This is the slide with the torn apart car. Slide-no changes recommended. Talking points-add the cost of a new cardiac monitor under enhance EMS items.

Slide #10. This is the slide with the proposed changes. Slide-no changes recommended. Talking points-change wording from “Starbucks Coffee” to “gourmet coffee”.

Slide #12. This is Rye Fire’s emblem which is on all uniforms. Slide-no changes recommended.

During the slide presentation, the question came up about noting the large amount of money that the Board had to overcome in previous years after they took over 4 years ago. It was noted that the reasons were employer responsibilities that cannot be discussed due to public entities employee confidentiality laws.

Mr. Schaiberger passed out a proposed ballot and asked that the group review this document and also the ballot that was E-Mailed with the agenda and make suggestions to himself and Chief Bennett by Wednesday. Mr. Schaiberger and Chief Bennett will send out MS Word Documents for the group to review. Mr. Schaiberger and Chief Bennett will be working on the final ballot language this week as the deadline for submission is close.

Next workshop meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM where a presentation will be made to the group. Location to be determined.

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**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:11 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Schaiberger  
Second: Mr. Davis

Further Discussion: None.

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

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2016.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beach".

Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain