

The Rye Fire Protection District

**MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Regular Meeting December 16, 2019**

Present Directors – Mr. Rich Simpson, Mr. George McGoff, Mr. Wally Rice, Mr. Mike Graber

Absent Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger

Others - Chief Steve Bennett, Captain Jim Beach,

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Roll call was taken, and present members were introduced.

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion to approve Meeting Agenda for December 16, 2019 as presented.

Motion: Mr. Rice
Second: Mr. Graber

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff, Mr. Rice, Mr. Graber
Abstain: None
Nay: None

Receive or Act on Board Correspondence

None.

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Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Simpson asked for approval of the minutes of November 2019.

Motion to approval of the meeting minutes for November 2019 as presented.

Motion: Mr. Graber
Second: Mr. McGoff

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff, Mr. Rice, Mr. Graber
Abstain: None
Nay: None

Treasurer's Report

Accounts Receivable/Payable. Mr. Rice reviewed the financials. He noted that RFPD received some property tax revenue last month and the next few month's revenue from this source will be minimal. Mr. Rice noted that year-to-date income from Interest is \$42 from all accounts. Chief Bennett noted that since the Revenue amounts exceed the budget by the percentage noted that an amendment to the budget will need to be completed next year. As of this meeting, the budget is at 92% for comparison purposes. Accounts Payable Entries, Clover Technologies has only a couple minor issues to close-out and Chief Bennett is holding their payment. The other financial reports were reviewed. There are four (4) pages of checks to review for payment. Included is a check for the extra payment for the lease payment on the fire truck.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable for December 2019.

Motion: Mr. Graber
Second: Mr. McGoff

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff, Mr. Rice, Mr. Graber
Abstain: None
Nay: None

Emergency Medical Services. Captain Beach noted that billings are just under 20% ahead of budget and payments are over 25% above budget. Captain Beach noted that we have already met our

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projected income budget for 2019. Chief Bennett noted that last month was extremely busy and he is checking to see why the billings and payments appear to be low. He noted that a couple possible explanations are that the EMS Company was bought out by Qual Med and there was a holiday at the end of November. However, the year-to-date amounts are still running ahead of budget.

Capital Projects. Exhaust System. Chief Bennett noted that he has had trouble finding a firm to cut the holes and install the exhaust fans. A local individual was noted, who Chief Bennett will contact.

Fire Chief Report

November 2019

Statistics. In the Month of November 2019, Rye Fire responded to 111 calls for service of which 93 were EMS related and 18 were fire related. In comparison with the previous year this is an 59% from 2018 and an increase of 31% from the 5-year average of 85. This is the busiest month on record.

Administration/ Operations. 2020 budget completed based upon discussions and estimates. The last two years are included for comparisons. These figures are what was computed using the worksheet you have seen the last couple months.

Worked on getting estimates for the Rescue truck. Graber was checking with a source he had. received a price from City Shops, McCandless in Pueblo, Rush in Pueblo. The best price and turnaround is from Rush Trucks in Pueblo, based upon the three (3) quotes received. The price from Rush Truck is \$20,000. The turnaround is 15 weeks and they offer a 2-year warranty. The proposed 2020 Budget includes funds for this repair. The By-Laws note that official advertisement for bids must be received if the amount exceeds \$25,000.

Motion to allow Rush Truck to replace the engine based upon the best bid and turn around.

Motion: Mr. Rice
Second: Mr. Graber

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff, Mr. Rice, Mr. Graber
Abstain: None
Nay: None

Sent a request to Pueblo County Fleet for a donation of 2 cruisers they are moving to surplus as they are being replaced with new vehicles. These vehicles will be fully equipped minus a 2-way radios. Still awaiting the outcome. Pueblo West Fire is trading out two (2) Tahoe's and three (3) trucks, which will be researched.

Security cameras are installed at both stations, they are active and recording at both places.

Additional work has been completed at station 1- electrical outlets and switches, painting. Changed

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out refrigerator to a newer one that was given to department.

Hosted a potluck at the Station in Colorado City for Thanksgiving for the staff that was on duty for the day.

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

Host Bountiful Baskets pickup at the station in Colorado City.

Provided a standby for a High School Football game.

Conducted fire drills at Rye High School, Rye Elementary.

Training. Training has been ongoing with ventilation and fire attack and required EMS training to maintain continuing education requirements

Old Business

Upcoming Year Projects

- Educational Fund. Waiting for MSEC review and may condense the language.
- Fires in Regio. No fires in the region.
- Staff Updates. Chief Bennett noted that he is looking at hiring 3 or 4 part-time personnel to supplement shifts in January where necessary as the goal is to have 3 or 4 on each shift.

2020 Budget

The proposed 2020 Budget was presented. Chief Bennett went through the budget highlighting the changes worth noting.

Motion to approve the 2020 Budget for Rye Fire Protection District as presented.

Motion: Mr. McGoff

Second: Mr. Rice

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff, Mr. Rice, Mr. Graber

Abstain: None

Nay: None

New Business

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Resolution 20-001 – Designated Posting Places

This resolution is to designate Board meeting notice posting places for the year 2020 within the District and Pueblo County.

Motion to adopt 20-001 Public Notice of Designated Posting Places.

Motion: Mr. Rice
Second: Mr. Graber

Further Discussion: None

Aye: Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff, Mr. Rice, Mr. Graber
Nay: None

Resolution 20-002 – Resolution Adopting Regular Meeting Dates for 2020

This resolution is to designate meeting dates, times and locations for the year 2020 for the Board of Directors. Meetings will be held the third Monday of each month at 5:00 pm.

Motion to adopt 20-002, Resolution Adopting Regular Meeting Dates for 2020.

Motion: Mr. Graber
Second: Mr. McGoff

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff, Mr. Rice, Mr. Graber
Nay: None

Resolution 20-003 – Resolution to Set Mill Levies.

This resolution is to set mill levies per the 2020 Budget. Mill Levy will be 15.536 mills upon each dollar of total valuation. The total 2019 valuation for the Rye Fire Protection District of \$51,940,537 and to balance the budget for general operating purposes from property tax revenue of \$797,993.

Motion to adopt 20-003, Resolution to Set Mill Levies where the valuation is \$51,940,537 and revenue of \$797,993.

Motion: Mr. McGoff
Second: Mr. Graber

Further Discussion: At the third Where As, the year shall be 2019.

Aye: Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff, Mr. Rice, Mr. Graber
Nay: None

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Resolution 20-004 – Resolution to Adopt 2020 Budget

This resolution is to adopt the 2020 Budget which was approved on December 16, 2019.

Motion to adopt 20-004, Resolution to adopt 2020 Budget.

Motion: Mr. Rice
Second: Mr. Graber

Further Discussion: None

Aye: Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff, Mr. Rice, Mr. Graber
Nay: None

Resolution 20-005 – Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money

This resolution is to appropriate \$1,604,038 from the General Fund to establish a limitation on expenditures for operations.

Motion to adopt 20-005, Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money with the \$1,604,038 General Fund.

Motion: Mr. Graber
Second: Mr. McGoff

Further Discussion: None

Aye: Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff, Mr. Rice, Mr. Graber
Nay: None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:00 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Rice

Dated this 16th day of December 2019.



Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain