

The Rye Fire Protection District

**MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Regular Meeting July 20, 2020**

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

Absent Directors – None

Others - Chief Steve Bennett, Captain Jim Beach,

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Mr. Schaiberger, who chaired the meeting. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, meeting was held via Zoom.

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. None noted.

Motion to approve the agenda as posted.

Motion: Mr. Rice
Second: Mr. Graber

Further Discussion: None.

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

Swearing In

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Chief Bennett led the swearing in of the new Board Members who were voted into office earlier in the year. Included Mr. Rice and Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wally Rice and Mr. Richard Simpson took their seats on the Board. Due to the virtual meeting, the actual written oaths will be signed later.

Receive of Act on Board Correspondence

None.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schaiberger asked for approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting for June 2020.

Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on June 2020 as presented.

Motion: Mr. Rice
Second: Mr. Simpson

Further Discussion: None.

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

Treasurer's Report

Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable June 2020. Mr. Rice walked the Board through the financial reports. On the Cash Account Summary, the ColoTrust account balances have been fixed, but no showing correctly on the report. Mr. Rice noted that last month about \$81,000 was received in property taxes and about another \$133,000 is pending for this month. Account 7107, Treasurer's Fee percent is high, but inline with the funds received from Property Taxes. Account 7113, Outside Service Fees includes the audit and copier charges. Chief Bennett noted that he has spoken with two (2) different people regarding the balance on 272 without success. Chief will get with the Auditor for the balance that we believe is accurate and then work with our lawyer and the financial institute. It was noted that the payroll checks do not have individual amounts, but are available upon request to the Chief. Mr. Schaiberger noted he is not concerned about the pay, but rather the number of hours people are working. Mr. Schaiberger asked that at the next meeting the full-time sick/annual leave be

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presented to the board since this has been presented in a while. The payment to Valley Fitness Center is a quarterly payment. Under the Bank Reconciliation Report for the DDA Account, Chief Bennett and Colorado City Metro is researching the missing deposit. Under the bills to pay, several comments were noted. For the Bank of the San Juans, the rent increased January 1st and the extra \$42.00 is to catch up the \$6.00 per month from January. For the Colorado City Metro, the cost of the accounting service went up January 1st and the extra was to catch up. The check to Pueblo West Metro is for the new Tahoe which was purchased for a response vehicle with delivery anticipated soon. Rye Telephone bill was noted as high, Chief Bennett noted the increase, which maybe due to the number of long distant calls he has had to make for the outstanding loan and the EMS Billing Company.

For the EMS Billings, Chief Bennett noted he has been working with the billing agency to obtain more accurate reports. Currently, the report is showing that billings are about 6% ahead of budget, but payments are showing about 10% below budget which indicates a potential \$40,000 deficit at the end of the year. Chief Bennett noted that he expects to get more accurate reports next month and the numbers to be better next month.

Motion to approve Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable and EMS Billings for June 2020.

Motion: Mr. Simpson
Second: Mr. Graber

Further Discussion: None.

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

Capital Projects. Exhaust System. Mr. Schaiberger reached out to his local contact and hasn't received a call back. Chief Bennett noted that he reached out to DS Masonry but hasn't heard back. The contractor from Walsenburg declined the job. Jim Beach noted that he will contact the Owner of DS Masonry to get a price as soon as possible. Chief Bennett noted that the electrical is ready for the fans.

Fire Chief Report

June 2020

Statistics. In the Month of June 2020, Rye Fire responded to 105 calls for service of which 77 were EMS related and 28 were fire related (20 of the fires were wild land fires). In comparison with the previous year this is a 1% increase from 2019 and an increase of 14% from the 5-year average of 92.

Administration/Operations. New truck and chassis was ordered in April, I do not have a finished timeline for the truck yet. This is the brush truck replacing the one that has broke. This truck is still in production, they were thinking this may be completed in August sometime but was not definite. The current brush truck has been stripped of radios and electronics and will be installed on new truck.

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City of Pueblo will be giving us a structure truck valued at about \$850,000 new and about \$350,000 in its current condition. The truck has a capacity of five (5) personnel with the back enclosed to accommodate the extra staff. The City Council completed the reading of the donation on July 13 and the truck should be in our possession before too long. This will replace the Engine 231 which is the last truck they donated, this truck will be a 1992 Pierce Pumper, this truck will come with ladders, hose and hydrant tools. The thought is to donate the old 231 truck another department that has the need. It has a value of about \$150,000 and needs to have some NFPA upgrades to be fully compliant.

Both Cruisers were received from Pueblo County. They will go into service when the Courthouse opens back up. Will be making an appointment with the Courthouse to get vehicles registered. They are only available by appointment at this time. Will register the new Tahoe at the same time.

Pueblo West approved the sale of the Tahoe at their board meeting on July 13, 2020. We should have possession of that unit prior to the end of the month.

Annual Audit was completed and submitted to the state. Acknowledgement from the State was received noting receipt of the audit.

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

We continue to be a hosting site for Bountiful Baskets when they have deliveries.

Community outreach: We provided some birthday drive-by's within the District with the fire truck and ambulance.

Training. Training has been ongoing with misc fire training. EMS training to maintain continuing education requirements

Task List.

- Town of Rye Hydrants. All hydrants in the Town of Rye have been tested.
- Colorado City Hydrants. Have not done any additional testing due to the current drought issues with water restrictions in place.

Cardiac Monitors. Chief Bennett has requested for AMR to provide an updated quote.

Old Business

Upcoming Year Projects

- Fires in Region. There have been a couple local fires where other agencies are manning. The conditions are very dry.
- Staff Updates. Hired one (1) paramedic and one (1) EMT-Basic. Chief noted that he is looking at three (3) more EMT's coming on board.
- Truck Purchase (Cab/Chassis) Status. Discussed earlier.
- Audit. Discussed earlier.

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New Business

Election of Officers for the Board

Annual election of officers took place.

Motion to keep all three (3) positions the same with Mr. Mr. John Schaiberger Chairman of the Board, Mr. Rich Simpson Vice-Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Wally Rice Secretary/Treasurer of the Board.

Motion: Mr. Simpson
Second: Mr. Graber

Further Discussion: No further comments or nominations.

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

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:54 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Rice

Dated this 20th day of July 2020.



Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain