

**The Rye Fire Protection District**

**MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS MEETING  
Regular Meeting April 17, 2017**

Present Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Rich Simpson, Mr. Mike Davis, Mr. Wally Rice

Absent Directors – Mr. Garry Melchi

Others - Chief Steve Bennett, Captain Jim Beach

**Call to Order**

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

**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.

Motion to approve Meeting Agenda for April 17, 2017 as posted.

Motion: Mr. Simpson  
Second: Mr. Davis

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Rice  
Nay: None

**Receive or Act on Board Correspondence**

None.

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### Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schaiberger asked for approval of the minutes of February 2017. There was no meeting in no meeting in March 2017.

Motion to approval of the meeting minutes for February 2017 as presented.

Motion: Mr. Simpson  
Second: Mr. Rice

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Rice  
Nay: None

### Treasurer's Report

Accounts Receivable. Included February and March 2017 reports. Approximately 33% of the revenue has been received from Property Tax.

Accounts Payable. There was an inquiry for the check for Physio-Control in the amount of \$1,051.45. Chief Bennett noted that this was for parts that needed replacement and not covered by the annual maintenance agreement.

Reports. John Schaiberger noted that the reports are good and the pie charts are a fast, easy snap shot for the month. John inquired if the same charts can be provided for the year-to-date figures.

EMA Activity. It was noted that the year-to-date collections is slightly above budget with the collection rate continuing to decline. Chief Bennett several concerns about EMA and the continued decline in collection rate. Chief Bennett noted that he did some research with several companies and found that most noted a larger collection percentage with most of them only charging about 2% more. The companies noted that the national rate for insurance company's payments to ambulance services is about double our current rate with about a 90-day payment turn-around. Some companies will provide in-service to your staff to help with writing reports. The discussion then turned to ensuring a smooth transition to a new firm. It was decided to get our legal counsel involved in this matter.

Motion to discuss the changing of insurance billing companies with our current legal counsel with Board Member Wally Rice, Chief Steve Bennett, and Captain Jim Beach discussing with legal counsel.

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Motion: Mr. Davis  
Second: Mr. Simpson

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Rice  
Nay: None

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable for February 2017 and March 2017.

Motion: Mr. Simpson  
Second: Mr. Rice

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Rice  
Nay: None

### Fire Chief Report

**Statistics.** In the Month February 2017, Rye Fire was responded to 68 calls for service of which 60 were EMS and 8 were fire related. In comparison with previous year this is an increase of 13% from 2016 and an increase of 20% from the 5-year average of 56.

In the Month March 2017, Rye Fire was responded to 67 calls for service of which 50 were EMS and 17 were fire related. In comparison with previous year this is an increase of 6% from 2016 and an increase of 18% from the 5-year average of 57.

**Administration/Operations.** Currently waiting on response from FEMA pertaining to a grant request for the purchase of Life Pack 15 cardiac monitors.

Presentation to another group of Boy Scouts for first aid training to assist with merit badges.

We have been approved for the Federal and Colorado Surplus program. Rye Fire is able to purchase items from either entity if available at 10% of actual cost. This includes vehicle to office equipment.

Grant request for vehicles was sent to San Isabel Electric. We may procure a truck within the Month of April. They are cycling their fleet and will have the potential to donate to Rye Fire. This will be utilized as a utility truck and secondary response vehicle carrying equipment.

**Prevention.** We continue to provide Mitigation assessments for homeowners throughout the District. A lot of the mitigation assessments are requested from the homeowner's insurance or the insurance agent of the purchaser.

Rye Fire assisted the school with their fire drills.

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**Training.** Training has been ongoing. Fire training covered extrication, vehicle inventory, grounds operation, mapping along with SOG's, agility course, and pack tests. EMS training is ongoing with a new topic every 6 days providing continuing education for annual requirements.

### **Task List.**

- Fire Hydrants. Joint effort between Rye Fire and Colorado City Metro will begin the week of April 17th.
- Research Billing Companies. Chief Bennett provided this update during the EMA discussion.
- Death of Family Member. Chief Bennett was unable to obtain a good article from PCSO so he will contact a funeral home for more information.
- Article for Cell Phone Tower. Published in newspaper.
- Projects for Year. Will be discussing this later in the meeting.

## Old Business

### Hatchet Ranch Updates

Chief Bennett reported no new updates. As the weather improves, the gas tank will be repaired and the tank filled with water.

### Interagency

Chief Bennett reported no new updates.

### Fire Hydrants

Chief Bennett noted that a joint effort between Colorado City Metro and Rye Fire will begin testing of fire hydrants the week of April 17th.

### Projects

Board Member Wally Rice, Chief Steve Bennett, and Captain Jim Beach will meet and bring a prioritized list of projects to the next Board Meeting.

## New Business

None.

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**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:55 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Rice

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2017.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Beach".

Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain