

**The Rye Fire Protection District**

**MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS MEETING  
Regular Meeting February 20, 2017**

Present Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Rich Simpson, Mr. Garry Melchi, Mr. Wally Rice

Absent Directors – Mr. Mike Davis

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. Chief Bennett noted that the dates on the agenda noted as 2016 should be 2017.

Motion to approve Meeting Agenda for February 20, 2017 as posted with the date change noted.

Motion: Mr. Rice  
Second: Mr. Simpson

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Melchi, 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 January 2017. No changes noted.

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

Motion: Mr. Simpson  
Second: Mr. Schaiberger

Further Discussion: None.

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

### Treasurer's Report

Accounts Receivable. It was reported that income for January was minimal other than the Operation Line of Credit. It was noted that approximately \$24,000 was received along with about \$11,000 in early February which will be reflected in next month's reports.

Accounts Payable. Chief Bennett noted that several of last month's accounts payable and accounts payable accounts were reallocated to last year, 2016, thus those accounts may reflect a zero balance after showing a positive value last month. Chief Bennett answered the questions if all bills are current, answer was yes.

EMA Activity. It was noted that the increased billing for last month was due to the extremely busy January.

The collection rate continues to decline. Part of this is indicative of how much insurance companies are reducing their reimbursement to Rye Fire. Chief Bennett continues to inquire with other agencies for billing.

Motion to approve Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable.

Motion: Mr. Melchi  
Second: Mr. Simpson

Further Discussion: None.

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

### Fire Chief Report

**Statistics.** In the Month January 2017, Rye Fire was responded to 75 calls for service of which 64 were EMS and 11 were fire related. In comparison with previous year this is an increase of 40% from 2016 and an increase of 34% from the 5-year average of 54. Nearly 25% of the total calls for the month occurred on one day making it the busiest day on record for Rye Fire.

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

Presentation to another group of Boy Scouts for emergency planning to assist with merit badges.

Had personnel attend annual Chamber Dinner where Chief Bennett was names man of the year.

**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.

**Training.** Training has been ongoing. Fire training covered air bags, extrication review, ground operations, mapping and SOG's. 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 April 1st.
- **Research Billing Companies.** Chief Bennett is still researching and has information on 2 companies.
- **Death of Family Member.** Chief Bennett working with Pueblo County Sheriff Office for a public service type of announcement.

### Old Business

### Hatchet Ranch Updates

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Chief Bennett reported no new updates. He checked and all tanks and valves are in good shape. The portable 9,000 tanker will need some work. The gas cap was removed and there is appears to be dust in the tank.

### 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 will commence on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Legal

Mr. John Schaiberger gave the board an overview of the meeting last month with Mr. Pat Garcia who is interested in becoming Legal Counsel for the Rye Fire Protection District.

Motion to begin discussions with Mr. Garcia, an Attorney with Peterson & Fonda PC in Pueblo to become Legal Counsel for the Rye Fire Protection District.

Motion: Mr. Simpson  
Second: Mr. Rice

Further Discussion: Contingent upon contractual review with existing legal counsel to ensure smooth transition of services.

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

### New Business

#### Projects

The intent to is to lay out a plan for projects that the board wants to complete this fiscal year that were identified in the budget. Mr. Rice will spearhead this effort with discussions with Chief Bennett and Captain Beach and will provide a prioritized list to the Board next month.

### Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:57 P.M.

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Motion: Mr. Rice

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and a long, sweeping tail.

Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain