

The Rye Fire Protection District

**MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING
Regular Meeting August 19, 2013**

Present: Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Mike Davis, Mr. McDowell

Absent Directors – Mr. Mark Reeves, Mr. Wade Wills

Others - Chief Steve Bennett, Captain Jim Beach

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. John Schaiberger.

Mr. Schaiberger introduced the present board members.

Motion to approve Agenda of August 19, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. McDowell
Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Davis, Mr. McDowell
Nay: None

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Receive or Act on Board Correspondence

Mr. Schaiberger noted that correspondence was received on a pending lawsuit in Rye Fire Protection District’s favor, which will probably result in no further action.

Mr. Schaiberger noted a resignation of a board member. No written documentation has been received, but verbal conversation has taken place. Mr. Schaiberger will make a phone call to the board member to confirm and if correct, then an advertisement will be made in the local paper for interested parties.

Minutes of July 15, 2013 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve Minutes of July 15, 2013 Regular Meeting.

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Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. McDowell
Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Davis, Mr. McDowell
Nay: None

Treasurer's Report

Accounts Receivable discussion. The amount received this month was noted at \$114,326.11. Some of the figures in the handouts were in red and did not Xerox properly, thus they were discussed.

Accounts Payable discussion. Some of the figures in the handouts were in red and did not Xerox properly, thus they were discussed.

Motion to accept Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable.

Motion: Mr. McDowell
Second: Mr. Davis
Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Davis, Mr. McDowell
Nay: None

Chief Bennett reviewed the EMA monthly reports with minor discussions.

Fire Chief Report

Statistics. In the Month July 2013, Rye Fire responded to 75 calls for service of which 56 were EMS related and 19 were fire related. In comparison with previous year this is an increase of 29% from 2012 and an increase of 8% from the 5 year average of 69.

Administration/Operations. In May 2013, ISO inspected Rye Fire. ISO evaluates communities according to a uniform set of criteria and incorporates the nationally recognized standards developed by National Fire Protection Association. They take into consideration needed fire flows, how fire alarms are received and handled, intensively look at fire department equipment, staffing, training and geographic distribution for fire companies and the water supplies. Rye Fire Protection District's calls rating has been a 6, 6/9. After the inspection and evaluation Rye Fire ISO rating has improved and is now rated 5, 5/9.

Assisted State School Inspectors to ensure that Rye Elementary and Craver Middle School were safe following construction activities this summer.

Prevention. Rye Fire presented information at HOA meetings. Several homeowners and subdivisions have asked for several pieces of information in regards to mitigation.

Rye Fire has helped several residents in the Rye and San Isabel areas with mitigation ideas. Mitigation can be found through the internet with Fire Wise.

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Training. Training has been ongoing throughout the month. Fire training included safety, search and rescue, hoses and hose lays, pump training. EMS training is ongoing with a new topic every 6 days concerning procedure changes, protocol changes and continuing education.

Mr. Jim Elliott thanked the various members of the Rye Fire Protection District that has attended recent Home Owner Association Meetings where fire mitigation has been discussed.

The Board inquired about the hiring process. Chief Bennett noted that one (1) new employee has been put on and checking references on three (3) others. Part of the hiring process is having employee's ride along (for free) with each shift so we can get to know the person better and they know who we are. This has been the process for some time and has worked out quite well according to Chief Bennett. Chief noted that he is also looking at a few other applications that he has received.

The Board asked that Chief Bennett come back with a staffing plan for both full-time and part-time employees.

Old Business

Vehicle Liquidation

It was decided to advertise the Pepsi Tractor, Wiltz Trailer and a couple tires in the local paper to give local residents a chance to bid on the items. Bids will be brought to next month's meeting.

Peterbuilt Transport / Update

The Peterbuilt is at City of Pueblo Shops for repair. The repairs were on-hold pending acceptance of a bid from the City of Pueblo. It was decided to fix the equipment and return to service.

Hatchet Ranch Update

Mr. Schaiberger noted that he just received a phone call from Kirkland Construction and they have committed to move the remaining tanks from Walsenburg to Hatchet Ranch at no cost to the District. Mr. Schaiberger noted that the timing will be late August / early September.

2012 Budget Revision Update

Motion to hold this item until September 2013 meeting.

Motion:	Mr. McDowell
Second:	Mr. Davis
Aye:	Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Davis, Mr. McDowell
Nay:	None

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New Business

Update on Audit

Chief Bennett noted that the auditor will be at Station 2 in early September to finish the audit.

Update on Bathroom at Station 2

Chief Bennett noted that the remodel is complete and was under budget by about \$75. The workmanship is nice.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 p.m.

Motion:	Mr. McDowell
Second:	Mr. Davis
Aye:	Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Davis, Mr. McDowell
Nay:	None

Dated this 19th day of August 2013.



Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain