

**The Rye Fire Protection District**

**MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS MEETING  
Regular Meeting August 21, 2017**

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

Absent Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Mike Davis

Others - Chief Steve Bennett, Captain Jim Beach

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 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 August 21, 2017 as posted.

Motion: Mr. Rice  
Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: 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. Simpson asked for approval of the minutes of July 2017.

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

Motion: Mr. Melchi  
Second: Mr. Rice

Further Discussion: None.

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

### Treasurer's Report

Accounts Receivable. A large payment was received from Pueblo County for real estate taxes. Approximately 95% of the income budgeted from real estate taxes has been received. Chief Bennett noted that due to late reporting by EMA, the accounting reports in the board packets did not include Emergency Medical Services revenue that was received during the month.

EMA. Chief Bennett noted that EMA received notice the day following the last board meeting regarding severing of business relations. No feedback was received from EMA. Chief Bennett is working to bring EMS Billing Services online for the new company to bill for our ambulance services. EMA will still be required to service billings for ambulance billings through the date of severed relations.

Accounts Payable. None.

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

Motion: Mr. Melchi  
Second: Mr. Simpson

Further Discussion: None.

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

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### Fire Chief Report

**Statistics.** In the Month July 2017, Rye Fire responded to 78 calls for service of which 62 were EMS related and 16 were fire related. In comparison with previous year call volume was the same and an increase of 3% from the 5-year average of 75.

#### **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.

City of Pueblo donated a structure fire truck. Working on a budget and plan to get truck into service. This includes repainting from green to white. It is estimated that most of this work can be completed in-house at a substantial savings.

Researched grants for exhaust systems for the fire stations. Researched grants for vehicle hearing protection while using sirens at an estimated cost of \$5,000-\$7,000.

**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.

Attended a barn dance at Hatchet Ranch for community outreach. Visited Camp Jackson for community outreach and fire inspection. Also visited the Boy Scout camp for community outreach and fire inspection.

**Training.** Training has been ongoing. Fire training was ground operations and water rescue training. EMS training is ongoing with a new topic every 6 days providing continuing education for annual requirements.

#### **Task List.**

- **Fire Hydrants.** Approximately ¼ of the hydrants are complete, which took about 2-1/2 days. Working close with Colorado City Metro in case they get complaints from residents with dark water. Documenting any hydrants that need repairs.
- **EMS Billing Services.** Contract and new paperwork sent to EMS Billing Services and they are completing the setup with Medicare and Medicaid.
- **Projects.** Refer to old business.

### Old Business

### Interagency Updates

There have been no requests for service.

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## Fire Hydrants

See Task List under Fire Chief's Report.

## Upcoming Projects

**Emergency Generator.** Chief Bennett noted that an assessment was completed at both stations by a generator company. Station 2 will require a minimum of 11KW or 13KW to keep the entire station in operation. Station 1 will require a minimum of 9KW or 13 KW to keep the entire station in operation. The discussion was to keep both stations the same size.

**Exhaust System.** Chief Bennett is waiting for grants to be opened up for submissions, at which times firms will help write grants to leverage additional funding for exhaust systems.

**Capital Reserve Injection.** As part of the mil levy increase, a set amount of funds will be set aside for capital reserve.

Motion to table the discussion regarding the emergency generator, exhaust system, and capital reserve injection until next month.

Motion: Mr. Melchi

Second: Mr. Rice

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Simpson, Mr. Melchi, Mr. Rice

Nay: None

## New Business

None.

## Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:49 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Melchi

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> Day of August 2017.

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Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain