

## **MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Regular Meeting of February 17, 2010

Present: Sonny Hood, Director; William Monck, Director; Ed Sutcliffe, Director; Doug Branch, Director.

Absent: Hank Asbury, Director.

Others: Steve Bennett, Phil Daniels, Dave Mower, Jim Beach, Dan Schultz, Virginia Hood

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mr. Hood.

### **Minutes of January 20, 2010**

Motion to approve minutes with changes to last sentence under accounts receivable from December 2009 accounts payable to December 2009 accounts receivable.

Motion: Mr. Sutcliffe  
Second: Mr. Monck  
Aye: All Present

### **Accounts Receivable**

Month of January is typically slow, and winter is typically slow each year. We should start seeing bigger tax payments from Pueblo County starting in March.

Motion to approve January, 2009 account receivables as presented.

Motion: Mr. Sutcliffe  
Second: Mr. Branch  
Aye: All Present

### **Accounts Payable**

It was noted that it appeared that Southern Colorado Emergency Medicine was paid twice. Chief Daniels stated that it is typical for them to not bill for one month then bill for 2 or 3. Doug Branch was reimbursed for trip out to California this was expenses from inspecting the new fire engine. Mr. Hood had question to Chief Daniels on who went out and why they did. Chief Daniels stated that he and Lt. Daniels went out. Chief Mower was unable to take the trip and Chief Owens was unavailable, next in line was Lt. Daniels. Chief Daniels stated that we are still waiting on the reimbursements from place fire for the trips. Place Fire also had to get us new fitting for the truck as they did not have the correct threading and they still need to forward us the operators manual.

Motion to approve January 2009 accounts payable.

Motion: Mr. Monck  
Second: Mr. Sutcliffe  
Aye: All Present

## **Old Business**

### **Colorado City Metro District, Dave Valdez**

Mr. Hood had conversations with Dave Valdez concerning water that was taken at station 2 in Colorado City. Mr. Hood has some questions for Chief Daniels regarding the situation. Chief Daniels requested this be moved to executive session.

### **Election 2010**

All special districts have an election of the even year. Chief Daniels has nomination forms for the board to complete and sign. The nomination period will close February 26, 2010.

### **Fire Inspections**

Board inquired to how the inspections are going. Mr. Beach stated that he has recently has not received any negative or positives with the inspections and it appears business owners are moving forward with correcting deficiencies. Mr. Beach is trying to schedule a meeting with Colorado City Metro District manager. Mr. Beach said since all inspections in the area appear to be completed he will begin his second round with business to follow up.

### **Radio Tower**

Mr. Hambric called inquiring where we are at with getting the tower completed. Chief Daniels stated that it is currently with the Pueblo County Planning Commission and is awaiting approval from them. This has been placed on the agenda for their next meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Dan Schultz**

Mr. Schultz was present at the meeting and had some questions for the Board. Mr. Schultz stated that he spent 15 years on a department, was the Chairman of Otero County EMS and an instructor. Mr. Schultz said he does not like gossip or rumors and he is here to ask questions about things he has heard or seen.

This is in regard to house fire on Susie Lane 2-13-10.

- 1) Three firefighters in full bunker gear just watching. How many firefighters were on scene? Chief Daniels stated there were 6 or 7.
- 2) How many firefighters are on the roster? Chief Daniels stated approximately 20-25.
- 3) Was there an ambulance on scene? Chief Daniels stated there was not. The initial first alarm what was required was an engine to be deployed. Other engines followed. All our units are equipped for medical. Ambulance is ideal to have on scene, but priority at the time was to staff engine.
- 4) Was there any personnel at either station to answer other call or bring additional equipment to the fire scene if needed? Personnel were available for other calls. We also utilize AMR and use them as standby in the District if needed.
- 5) If new fire truck is not in service yet, why was it at the scene, as few people are familiar with its operation? Personnel have been trained to operate the truck and other equipment.

## The Rye Fire Protection District

These questions are in regard to Fire Truck

- 1) How many do we have? We have 6
- 2) How many are rated for structures? All but one truck is rated for structure. Engine 16 is not rated for structure as it is a wildland truck.
- 3) Does Rye or Colorado City have plugs with enough flow? Both areas can sustain an appropriate flow in the residential areas, other areas will flow adequately.

Mr. Monck steps in and asked Mr. Schultz why are you asking these questions? Mr. Schultz stated he had heard things and would like some answers.

- 4) Do we have enough equipment to improve ISO ratings for homeowners insurance? New truck could improve ISO ratings and this is a better and newer truck of what is being replaced.
- 5) Is there much hands on training being done on structure fires as there is on wildland fires?
- 6) How many department members can drive the tractor-trailer? Is there ongoing training for driving all fire department equipment?

Board Members stepped in asking Mr. Schultz again why he is asking these questions? Asked if someone has put him on the stand to ask? Mr. Schultz replied he just wanted some answers. Some questions were skipped, next question asked:

- 7) Why do all members of the fire department have to do both fire and EMS? Chief Mower stated that this is the same model generally followed throughout the fire service. The fire department was designed to fight fires of course, but we also perform emergency medical services.
- 8) Why did it take three people to check out the new fire truck in California? We had the opportunity to inspect the truck to ensure it met our requirements.

Mr. Monck stated to Mr. Schultz that it appears you are accusing this department of incompetence, Mr. Schultz stated he is only wanting to get the facts.

Mr. Hood asked if we have medical on all rigs. Also stated that it would be nice to have an ambulance there. Chief Daniels stated we do have all rigs capable of handling medical, all equipment is equipped with medical supplies.

Mr. Schultz stated to the board thank you for allowing me to be guest speaker and thank you for answering question.

Board moved to executive session

Following executive session, Board returned to regular session.

## Other Business

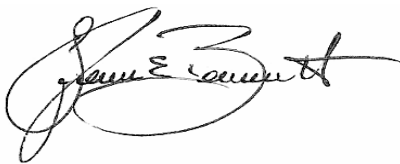
None

## Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:42 p.m.

Motion:	Mr. Monck
Second:	Mr. Sutcliffe
Aye:	All Present

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2010.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven E. Bennett". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "S" and "E".

Submitted by Steven E. Bennett, Lieutenant