

The Rye Fire Protection District

**MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING
Special Meeting April 27, 2015**

Present Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Wade Wills, Mr. Jim Elliott, Mr. Mike Davis, Mr. Garry Melchi

Absent Directors – None

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

Mr. Schaiberger introduced the present board members.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Shaiberger asked for any additions or changes to the meeting agenda. Additions to the agenda included executive session and bunker gear grant.

Motion to approve Meeting Agenda for April 27, 2015 as posted with the addition of a bunker gear grant discussion and executive session.

Motion: Mr. Elliott
Second: Mr. Wills

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Wills, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi
Nay: None

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Receive or Act on Board Correspondence

None.

Approval of Minutes of March 16, 2015 Regular Meeting

Mr. Schaiberger thanked Greenhorn Valley News for their article on address marking. For changes to the minutes, Mr. Schaiberger noted that the air movement of the tank as noted in the minutes was in error. Second sentence on the Hatchet Ranch Updates is removed.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2015 with the deletion of the sentence under Hatchet Ranch Updates referencing air movement of the tank.

Motion: Mr. Elliott
Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Wills, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi
Nay: None

Treasurer's Report

Accounts Receivable. No comments to note.

Accounts Payable. No comments to note.

Motion to approve Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable for April 2015.

Motion: Mr. Wills
Second: Mr. Elliott

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Wills, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi
Nay: None

EMA Report. It was noted that year to date for 2015, Ambulance Receipts were a little behind, but with billings being up, it is expected that this will increase.

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Fire Chief Report

Statistics. In the Month March 2015, Rye Fire responded to 59 calls for service of which 46 were EMS related and 13 were fire related. In comparison with previous year this is an increase of 22% from 2014 and an increase of 7% change from the 5 year average of 55.

Administration/Operations. The State of Colorado opened their grant for bunker gear January 1st 2015. We submitted a request for funds to purchase bunker gear. We received word from the State verbally that our grant was approved for 19 complete sets of bunker gear to replace all of our existing gear and funds were also approved to purchase washer/extractor for the gear. All personnel have been sized for gear and we are waiting confirmation in writing before the order is placed.

Continuing to develop the Fire Cadet program in conjunction with Beulah Fire and the Boy Scouts. The cadets will range from 14 – 18 years old. Insurance for the cadets will be provided by the Boy Scouts. We will be hosting an open house in May for the program.

Received a grant from American Furniture Warehouse to help update some furniture at the Station in Colorado City. This total was \$1,000 to be used at their store.

Prevention. We continue to provide Mitigation assessments for various homeowners throughout the District.

Station Tours have been provided to the Public at both stations.

Attend school functions for community outreach.

Provide assistance to School Dist 70 for fire drills and all hazard drills.

Training. Training has been ongoing throughout the month. Fire training covered general fire knowledge, water systems, ladders and ventilation. Extrication training was conducted on cars at the Colorado City Station that were donated by Bryan Boyer. Four Employees are still registered for Hazardous Materials Technician class which is funded 100% through FEMA, once seats open for class this will be funded. Our Medical Adviser Dr. Weber provided EMS training within the month and our EMS training is ongoing with a new topic every 6 days concerning procedure changes, protocol changes and continuing education.

Old Business

Hatchet Ranch Update

Mr. Elliott noted and presented a copy of a water temperature study that was completed for the new water storage tanks installed last year. It was noted that signage will probably be installed on the tanks to alert people that the water is non-potable. Mr. Schaiberger noted that via Pueblo County, air movement of the large tank is not being discussed. However, Mr. Melchi noted that he is exploring other air options via his military contacts.

Interagency Dispatch

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Mr. Melchi brought up the discussion of sending a vehicle, with Rye Fire Staff, on a deployment to determine the viability of the potential revenue generator. A full financial projection will be presented at next month's board meeting for discussion.

Audit Update

Chief Bennett noted that the field portion has been completed. It is anticipated that a draft will be ready for the June meeting and the final audit will be submitted on schedule.

MOU County IT Update

Chief Bennett noted that both Pueblo West Fire and Rural Fire had concerns with the MOU, so the County is revamping the document.

New Business

None

Executive Session

Mr. Schaiberger noted as authorized by C.R.S. Section 24-6-402, Subsection 4, Paragraphs A-H, this board will now convene in Executive Session. The topic of the Executive Session will be to discuss Employee Issues. The Executive Session will not be open to the public. No adoption of any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action shall occur at this Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting of April 27, 2015 to executive session was made at 5:42 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Wills
Second: Mr. Elliott

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Wills, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi
Nay: None

Discussion was:

- Employee Issues

Motion to adjourn Executive Session of April 27, 2015 to regular session was made at 6:22 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Wills

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Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Wills, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi
Nay: None

Following Executive Session, the Board returned to regular session and the room was opened back up to the public.

Other Discussions

Full-Time Employee Pay

Motion to increase pay 1% for full-time staff, not including the Fire Chief, as included in this year's budget.

Motion: Mr. Wills
Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Wills, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi
Nay: None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:26 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Wills
Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Wills, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi
Nay: None

Dated this 27th day of April 2015.



Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain