

The Rye Fire Protection District

**MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING
Regular Meeting March 19, 2018**

Present Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Rich Simpson, Mr. Mike Davis, Mr. Wally Rice

Absent Directors – Mr. Garry Melchi

Others - Chief Steve Bennett, Captain Jim Beach, FF Mike Christian

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.

Motion to approve Meeting Agenda for March 19, 2018 as posted.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Simpson

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davis, 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 February 2018. On Page 3 of 6, Mr. Davis was not present at the meeting and did not second the motion to approve accounts payable. Mr. Rice noted that he did.

Motion to approval of the meeting minutes for February 2018 with the correction on the second for approving accounts payable.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Simpson

Further Discussion: None.

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

Treasurer's Report

Accounts Receivable. Mr. Rice noted that Mr. Schaiberger, Chief Bennett and himself met with the Colorado City Finance Director. It was noted that this was a good and informative meeting. Mr. Rice noted that they went over the forms and the Finance Director explained how each form works in conjunction with other forms for the financial picture of the Department. The group noted that they believe the previous concern regarding the Metro District providing timely information was resolved and should not happen in the future. Mr. Rice noted that once the new members are seated in June-July that the Metro will attend a board meeting to review the financial package with the new board members to assist them in understanding the financial reporting system.

Mr. Rice did a quick review of each of the forms for the other members of the Board.

Accounts Payable. Chief Bennett noted that the 8% wage rate increase, retroactive to January 1st, was processed and reflected in the reports.

Emergency Medical Services. Chief Bennett noted that Rye Fire continues to receive insurance funds from billings by the new agency, which is reflected in the current 33% year-to-date figure. Chief Bennett believes this percentage will continue to grow. Mr. Schaiberger asked if information is available to produce the collection percentage for 2017. Chief Bennett and Captain Beach noted that with some research, this is possible. Due to using two (2) entities for medical billing, will need to combine the year end of year figures from each entity to obtain the results.

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Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable for February 2018.

Motion: Mr. Simpson
Second: Mr. Schaiberger

Further Discussion: None.

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

Fire Chief Report

Statistics. In the Month February 2018, Rye Fire responded to 59 calls for service of which 48 were EMS related and 11 were fire related. In comparison with previous year call volume this is a decrease of 13% and an increase of 1% from the 5-year average of 57.

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. This is for two (2) units.

Safety PPE has been ordered a grant will cover 50% of the purchase for hi-visibility coats.

County Wide mutual aid agreement is currently being reviewed by attorney's.

Hose Testing still in progress.

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

Rye Fire assisted the schools with their fire drills.

Training. Training has been ongoing. Fire training covering vehicle orientation, 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.** Chief Bennett noted that testing has slowed due to the cold weather and will increase as the weather warms up. About 30-40% of the hydrants have been tested.
- **Exhaust System.** Information from Ward Diesel Filter system was included in the Board Packet. They will be at the next board meeting to present their product and answer questions.
- **Emergency Generators.** Two (2) generators are connected and operational. Chief noted that today there was a power outage in the valley and the units ran and powered Station #2 as designed.
- **Signature Cards.** Chief Bennett noted that this is complete.

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- Transfer Monies to Building Fund. ColoTrust balance has been transferred to the Bank of San Juans. The ColoTrust account is closed and will reflect in next months reports.
- Nepotism Policy. Chief Bennett contacted MSEC for help with the policy. The information was received and included with the Board Packet.
- Meeting with Colorado City Finance Director. This was discussed earlier and was successful.

Old Business

Upcoming Projects

- **Generators.** See Task List under Fire Chief's Report.
- **Exhaust Removal Systems.** See Task List under Fire Chief's Report
- **Election Updates.** Chief Bennett noted that the District received a single application for intent to run as a candidate in the election before the published deadline. Chief Bennett also noted that he did not receive any applications be considered as a write-in candidate for the election before the published deadline. The single application came from Mr. Schaiberger. Therefore, the election was cancelled. Mr. Schaiberger will be automatically be reseated to his position after the election has been certified in May. The other two (2) seats will be filled after a notice is posted requesting applications. The open seats are for Mr. Davis and Mr. Melchi's seats.

New Business

Nepotism Policy Update/Committee Assignment

Mr. Schaiberger noted that information was distributed with the Board Packet and asked all members to review and be ready to discuss at next month's meeting.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:45 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Simpson

Dated this 19th Day of February 2018.



Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain