

## **The Rye Fire Protection District**

# **MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Workshop Meeting June 15, 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 1:30 pm by Mr. Elliott who chaired the meeting.

## **Roll Call**

Mr. Elliott introduced the present board members.

## **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

None.

## **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was presented.

## **Workshop Session**

### **Update on Research and Findings**

#### Status and Assessments

- Chief Bennett handed out a revised equipment replacement list, which was reviewed. Chief Bennett will revise for the next workshop session based upon discussions including a 10 year timeline.
  - Vehicles
    - #1 on the vehicle replacement list is Rescue 2.
    - #2 on the vehicle replacement list is Engine 11.

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- Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of replacing both rigs with a “rescue/pumper,” which would take care of both items. Cost for a single rig would be the same as two (2) separate rigs, but with better functionality.
- #3 on the vehicle replacement list is Med 11. This vehicle has a relatively new engine, but is still outfitted with the problematic Ford 6.0 engine.
- #4 on the vehicle replacement list is E16. This would be a chassis only and also has the problematic Ford 6.0 engine.
- Engine 13 is a wildland urban interface truck and when replaced it is suggested replacing it with a structure pumper.
- The tanker trailer was noted as a piece of equipment that could possibly be disposed. It has been used only once on an emergency scene and is now currently being used as a tanker storage at Hatchet Ranch. RFPD has no vehicles to move this trailer.
- Water Tender 12 was noted as on the list for replacement, but is still functioning.
- Equipment
  - The SCBA equipment was noted that it is being handled on a county Wide Grant. All Pueblo County Agencies have the same equipment, which must be replaced.
- Gear
  - Structural gear is being handled by Grant.
  - Wildland gear is currently being requested by Grants.
- Captain Beach handed out four (4) separate estimates, with an associated write-up of need for each. They were briefly discussed.
  - Chief Bennett will attempt to get a firm(s) to evaluate both Stations to see what type of vehicle exhaust system works best and pricing.
  - Chief Bennett and Board Members will review the estimates and determine which needs from the various estimates need to move forward.
- Chief Bennett handed out the cost for a full-time employee.
  - The need for full-time employee’s and part-time employees were discussed including the need for employee retention.
  - Chief Bennett to revise the cost to include both single-person insurance coverage and family coverage on insurance. Currently Rye Fire only covers the employee, but the Board sees an advantage of including family medical as an employment benefit. Chief Bennett research this further.

## Future Direction

During the entire workshop session, discussions were focused around how to accomplish the needs presented and whether they could be accomplished via a Bond Issuance, Mill Levy, or a combination of both. Mr. Schaiberger reminded all that any combination of increasing funds will need to be accomplished during a May 2016 vote of the electors. Mr. Schaiberger has reached out to his contact on bonds and mill levy’s, but has not received a phone call back. As soon as he hears from him, a workshop session will be held to discuss which option will work in the best interest for Rye Fire Protection District.

## Adjourn

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Workshop Session adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beach".

Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain