

The Rye Fire Protection District

**MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING
Regular Meeting March 18, 2019**

Present Directors – Mr. Rich Simpson, Mr. Wally Rice, Mr. Michael Graber

Absent Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. George McGoff,

Others - Chief Steve Bennett, Captain Jim Beach

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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. Mr. Rice asked for a discussion for an Educational Fund for Staff.

Motion to approve Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2019 as posted with the addition of Educational Fund for Staff.

Motion: Mr. Rice
Second: Mr. Graber

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Simpson, Mr. Rice, Mr. Graber
Abstain: None
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 February 2019.

Motion to approval of the meeting minutes for February 2019 as presented.

Motion: Mr. Graber
Second: Mr. Rice

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Simpson, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Graber
Abstain: None
Nay: None

Treasurer’s Report

Accounts Receivable/Payable. Mr. Rice reviewed the reports with the Board. He noted that a small portion of property taxes were received from all three (3) counties. Mr. Rice noted that the expenses should be around 16.6% of the budget in this report. Some items are over this, such as propane and natural gas, but will even out when not used during the summer months. The City of Pueblo Fleet Repairs invoice for \$12,417.47 was questioned. Chief Bennett noted that most of this invoice was for ambulance repairs as a result of the accident and approximately \$11,000 was covered by insurance.

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable for February 2019.

Motion: Mr. Graber
Second: Mr. Simpson

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Simpson, Mr. Rice, Mr. Graber
Abstain: None
Nay: None

Emergency Medical Services. Captain Beach reviewed the February 2019 EMS Graph noting that 2019 is off to a good start with billings over 70% over budget and receipts about 90% over budget.

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Capital Projects. Exhaust System. AirPro from Denver provided a quote for both stations for about \$89,000. Information was provided for a grant opportunity through USDA with a 90/10 match. There is a possibility it will be 95/5, but those are mainly limited to volunteer organizations. The system attaches hoses to vehicles which greatly reduces the carbons released in the structure.

Fire Chief Report

Statistics. In the Month February 2019, Rye Fire responded to 71 calls for service of which 47 were EMS related and 24 were fire related. In comparison with previous year this is an increase of 16% from 2018 and an increase of 11% from the 5-year average of 64.

Administration/ Operations. A grant to the Colorado Department of Public Safety was submitted for the purchase of additional structure gear. 4 people are in need of proper fitting gear. Total of 7 sets are needed. We have budget funds to purchase 6 sets but will utilize the grant to offset the cost. We will only need to purchase 3 sets ourselves if the grant is approved. The cost to outfit each firefighter is approximately \$2,600, this is a full turnout set.

Still awaiting a grant cycle to open for the cardiac monitors.

Contacted Steve from AirPro about an exhaust system. A quote was provided to outfit both stations. Information was given for a grant opportunity through USDA the grant is anticipated to be a 90/10, more information will be available by next meeting on the grant features.

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

Provided assistance to the schools with their monthly fire drills.

Training. Training has been ongoing. Fire training included some ice rescue training and misc. Fire training was salvage and overhaul operations and hazardous materials at the operations level. Target solutions is in operations and staffing has been completing medical and human resources training. EMS training is ongoing with a new topic every 6 days providing continuing education for annual requirements.

Task List.

- **Fire Hydrants.** Testing on hold. When testing resumes, hydrants will be painted as it progresses.
- **Exhaust System.** Refer to Capital Projects under Treasurer's Report and Fire Chief's Report.
- **Inclusion Information.** Deadline for returning letters is April 8th. Received 9 letters back of the 50 mailed out.
- **Hatchett 33,000 Gallon Tank.** Straight Line Construction scheduled to mobilize in April.
- **Pueblo Regional (Pine Cone Road).** Received response from Pueblo Regional with proposed reassigned addresses. They will need to implement. PSCO CAD system has not been updated.

Old Business

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Upcoming Year Projects

- Burnt Mill Properties – Refer to Task List for information.
- Rescue Truck – Chief Bennett noted that our proposal was accepted to purchase the Rescue Truck from Pueblo West Fire. Pueblo West Fire Board is scheduled to approve the sale later this month and we should take possession soon thereafter. Old Rescue 2 has been stripped of lights, etc. and ready for sale. Old Rescue 3 needs to be stripped down. Both will be ready for sale soon. We are receiving inquiries for the rigs.
- Extrication Tools – Chief Bennett noted that are on order and should be here in 3-6 weeks. These will go on the new rescue truck. The total cost is roughly \$32,000. Rye Fire will process the invoice and Pueblo County will reimburse Rye Fire, thus there will be no out-of-pocket expense for Rye Fire.
- Fires in Region and Staff Updates. Chief Bennett that there were no fires in the region.

New Business

Educational Fund for Staff

Mr. Rice noted that Rye Fire should investigate the possibility of adding an Educational Fund for Staff to assist in their pursuits, He noted that in discussions with staff they have paid for endeavors to assist them in their jobs such as going to paramedic school. During the discussion, it was noted this was possible with the employee entering into an agreement with Rye Fire to provide employment for a period in exchange for receiving a grant. This will be discussed further at next month's meeting.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:58 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Simpson

Dated this 18th day of March 2019.



Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain