

MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Regular Meeting of July 15, 2009

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

Absent: None

Others: Steve Bennett, Phillip Daniels, Rep. from GHValley News

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Hood.

Minutes of June 17, 2009

Motion to approve minutes as presented.

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

Accounts Receivable

Chief Daniels stated that we brought in just under \$100,000. \$25,000 was from the State for fire fighting \$40,000 brought in from taxes and the remaining amount from ambulance billing.

Motion to approve June 2009 account receivables as presented.

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

Accounts Payable

Motion to approve June 2009 accounts payable.

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

Old Business

Radio Tower Lease Agreement

The land owners sent us an approved copy 2 days after last board meeting. However, there is a change that is needed. The lease allowed a sublease of our sit, our attorney redrafted and sent back to the owners removing this allowance. We have not heard back from the land owners at this time.

The site area for the tower is 9,000 sq. ft. including a tower. This tower will be utilized as it is already existing and sturdy. We do have two spare towers if needed.

The surveyor is waiting on the executed lease agreement and then will begin the special use permit process.

The generator will range from 5000kw – 7500kw, this will be propane powered and will need maintenance approximately 4 time per year.

Police and Fire Insurance

Each our part-time and full-time employees would cost \$6.50 per month plus the board members as well. For forty (40) employees/board members this would cost approximately \$270 per month. Do other department offer this? Yes they offer it to the firefighter individually. This is especially popular with volunteer departments.

This plan would cover the employee, spouse and children under nineteen (19).

This would help with personnel retention.

This policy is an accidental death / disability. The premium never changes, however, the coverage amount decreases with age.

Motion to accept and instate the policies for the employees and the board members.

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

New Building

Building plans have not changed. Were are now looking at revenue sources from 2 places. Still anticipating funds from the impact grant. This month we submitted a request to the Assistance to Firefighters grant that is specifically for the construction of fire stations. They are expecting 30 billion dollars in request.

The proposal that we submitted included a cash match of \$750,000. This figure is \$250,000 form Rye Fire and \$500,000 from Pueblo County.

Chief Daniels wrote and submitted the grant matching their suggestions and guidance for a “Green Building”. Chief Daniels thinks it was a decent application that was submitted. The submission included a detailed cost breakdown from concrete through doors and windows.

The property is zoned correctly, and we are owners of the land, which were requirements through the grant request. They also wanted shovel ready projects.

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The submittal did not include other organizations. However, in the future rental contracts could be implemented and we could receive additional income from such instruments.

The county commissioners have been very supportive towards this project.

The time frame from the grant would be breaking ground within 36 months of the award.

The total grant request was for \$3.6 million.

Awards could be as early as September 2009 and last through September 2010.

The tax base would not be affected therefore eliminating any tax impact.

There has not been any official work on the impact monies. The negotiator for the county basically stating that the federal government is stonewalling, however, they should have this in the 2010 budget.

The building will be 22,000 sq.ft. and should be good for future growth.

New Business

Badges

All board members were present lapel pins/badges.

Other Business

Rye Town Board meetings at station 1 are to end this month. We have not heard from them about the situation.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn was made at 7:42 p.m.

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

Dated this 20th day of June, 2009.



Submitted by Steven E. Bennett, Lieutenant