

The Rye Fire Protection District

**MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Regular Meeting September 16, 2019**

Present Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Rich Simpson, Mr. George McGoff, Mr. Mike Graber

Absent Directors – Mr. Wally Rice

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

Roll call was taken, and present members were introduced.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schaiberger asked for any additions or changes to the meeting agenda. Mr. Schaiberger asked if Colo Trust / CSafe / Bank of San Juans account will be discussed under task list.

Motion to approve Meeting Agenda for September 16, 2019 with the addition of discussion of financial account being opened to gain more interest income.

Motion: Mr. Simpson
Second: Mr. Graber

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff, 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. Schaiberger asked for approval of the minutes of August 2019.

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

Motion: Mr. McGoff
Second: Mr. Graber

Further Discussion: None.

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

Treasurer's Report

Accounts Receivable/Payable. Tax Revenue this month was minimal. The Cash Account Summary was noted and did not include September's payroll. The Interagency Account was switched by the bank so it can have a zero balance without closing out. Under Accounts Payable, the exhaust fans are in the payables.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable for September 2019.

Motion: Mr. Graber
Second: Mr. McGoff

Further Discussion: None.

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

Emergency Medical Services. Captain Beach noted that billings are up 26% ahead of budget and payments are over 39% above budget. If things continue this track, EMS revenue will exceed the proposed budget. The chart details were reviewed. Chief Bennett included the back-up documentation from which this report is generated.

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Capital Projects. Exhaust System. Chief Bennett noted that the fans arrived last week. Captain Christian is working on the layout for the electrical and will meet with the designers at Blazer. He has been in Ireland for several weeks. We will have to purchase a breaker box (subpanel) for the fans along with the anticipated expenses. Chief Bennett noted that no holes have been cut and suggested that this work be subcontracted out. Chief Bennett needs to discuss with FF Dudik if he is comfortable with cutting the holes. Mr. Graber noted that the fans should be tested prior to installation. Mr. Graver will meet with FF Dudik to discuss. Mr. Simpson would like to be present while cutting the walls.

Fire Chief Report

August 2019

Statistics. In the Month August 2019, Rye Fire responded to 93 calls for service of which 75 were EMS related and 18 were fire related. In comparison with previous year this is an increase of 7% from 2018 and an increase of 3% from the 5-year average of 91.

Administration/ Operations. Completed the Educational funding agreement. This is at the attorney's office for his review and edits. He stated that he will have it reviewed with comments by September 9. He is concerned with Tabor Amendment and will check with other entities. Legal counsel is suggesting that Rye Fire not get into loans and set up a fund for Education and pay from that, but will work with whatever the Board decides. It was suggested that Legal will check with MSC to have them review the agreement.

Compile and provide information to complete the audit for 2018. Submitted to extension to the stay so we will remain in compliance. Amended 2018 budget completed and submitted. Final audit to be completed within the first week of September.

Begin working on 2020 budget with estimates and worksheets. Will have a draft at next meeting.

Had a staff BBQ at the Park in Colorado City.

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

Host Bountiful Baskets pickup at station in Colorado City.

Conducted fire drills at Rye High School, Rye Elementary and Craver.

Training. Training has been ongoing. Misc. fire training with tools and apparatus. EMS training on going to maintain continuing education. In service training provided by Dr. Weber (medical advisor) Attended the Emergency Operations Center activation training.

Task List.

- **Fire Hydrants.** Has been slow due to metro repairing lines in the area.
- **Cardiac Monitors.** No funding options available at this time. Still have the option to purchase from AMR at a substantial discount.

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- Educational Agreement. Discussed earlier.
- Bank CD Options. CSafe did not provide a lot of documentation, so Chief Bennett pulled information from their website. Colo Trust has Prime and Prime Plus. CSafe has CSafe Cash and ColoCore. The rate for Prime is 2.25% and 2.176% for CSafe, same type of account. Prime Plus is 2.38% and 2.3% for CSafe, same type of account. Chief Bennett noted that he will need to sit down with San Juan Banks for their best rate, but previous history it is around 0.25% and the money will probably not be liquid. Funds will still funnel through San Juan Bank and out to any other account(s) that will be setup. A resolution will be made at the next meeting for final disposition.
- File Audit Extension. Extension was filed and approved.
- Audit. Discussed during Chief's Report.

Old Business

Upcoming Year Projects

- Educational Fund. Discussed earlier.
- Fires in Region. Chief Bennett noted that the Reveille Fire, located near the top of Greenhorn in extremely rough terrain, continues to be a slow-moving fire. Fires in Arizona will start impacting air quality in our area. The Decker Fire is at 843 acres with no containment and being managed by local Type 3 resources.

New Business

None.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:38 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Simpson

Dated this 16th day of September 2019.



Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain