

The Rye Fire Protection District

**MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD
OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Regular Meeting September 19, 2012

Present: Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Wade Wills, Mr. Mike Davis

Absent Directors – Mr. Steve McDowell, Mr. Mark Reeves

Others - Chief Steve Bennett, Captain Jim Beach

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mr. John Schaiberger.

Mr. John Schaiberger took roll call and introduced the Board Members that were present and noted that the missing board members are working.

Mr. Schaiberger asked for approval of agenda. He noted that he wanted to add two (2) agenda items, which were noted.

Approval of the agenda for the Regular Meeting for September 19, 2012 to include new agenda item for review of meeting date to allow all members to attend plus discuss budget preparation.

Motion: Mr. Wills
Second: Mr. Davis
Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Wills, Mr. Davis
Nay: None

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Garry Melchi thanked the current board for their great job. He also noted that rumors are beginning to jump up again and that this board has the power to control rumors. Mr. Melchi noted that he received word that previous employees maybe hired again and he noted that hiring should be the job of the Fire Chief. Garry noted that the moral at the department is very high and that this should not happen. He also noted that the board should hire Interim Chief Bennett as the permanent Fire Chief.

Announcements

Mr. John Schaiberger made the announcement that Mr. Steve Bennett has been promoted to the rank of Fire Chief for the Rye Fire Protection District as of the day before yesterday.

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Minutes of August 15, 2012 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve meeting minutes of the August 15, 2012 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Wills
Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Wills, Mr. Davis
Nay: None

Treasurer's Report

Accounts Receivable Discussion. An inquiry was made as to why expenses exceeded income. Chief Bennett noted that there were extra Interagency Expenses. There was discussion regarding several line items. Chief Bennett will revise the report.

The Board decided to not approve the report until revised and correct.

Accounts Payable Discussion. There was a question regarding the Town of Rye expense and the Ludvik expense. The Town of Rye bill was for two (2) months and they raised their rates. The Ludvik propane bill was for three (3) months and it was noted that Ludvik is on a "keep full" basis, which means that it is topped off every month. .

Motion to approve Accounts Payable for August 2012.

Motion: Mr. Wills
Second: Mr. Davis
Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Wills, Mr. Davis
Nay: None

2011 Audit Status. Chief Bennett noted that he has all the information ready for the auditor and is getting this scheduled. Time is short before this is due. Chief Bennett to give Mr. Wills a weekly status report. Chief Bennett to let auditor know that Mr. Wills will be contacting him and Chief Bennett to Cc Mr. Wills on all E-Mails.

Fire Chief's Report

Statistics. In the Month of August 2012, Rye Fire responded to 53 calls for service of which 34 were EMS related and 19 were fire related. In comparison with previous year this is an increase of 6% from 2011 and an increase of 9% from the 5 year average of 48.

Administration. Reminder: A grant was submitted to FEMA this is known as the AFG (Assistance to Firefighter Grant). The grant request was for approximately \$97,000. The grant request includes the purchase of structural bunker gear, helmet, hood, pant, coat, boots, and gloves; wild land PPE helmet, hood, eye protection, shirt, pants, gloves, and boots; 2 thermal imaging cameras, training materials for Firefighter I and Firefighter II curriculums. We are anticipating information and/or a response from FEMA within 10-30 days. Through this process

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we have had gear inspected. All gear that is torn, had holes basically unsafe has been taken out of service, all gear that is in service has passed its suggested expiration dates but is in good condition and does provide adequate protection, however, all gear is scheduled to be replaced upon receiving funds for the purchases.

Received phone calls from various community members we have been compiling information on the resources they have available. This ranges from vacant land and acreages for evacuated animals to heavy equipment operators to food and shelters.

Will get a firm date in place for workshop so we can get this scheduled and in process.

Prevention. Rye Fire assisted the schools with fire drills and has scheduled various presentations with the schools. We are scheduling and performing property assessments throughout the District for residents that have requested the service. This will help them with planning for their mitigation efforts.

Training. Extensive training has been ongoing throughout the month. The major training included building collapse scenarios along with search and rescue operations. The fire training has been scheduled each week and the topics change approximately every 6 days, all department personnel are trained on each topic.

Hatchet Ranch. Jim Beach has been working with Hatchet Ranch representatives in compiling information in cistern placement and cost estimates.

Captain Beach noted that he has a cost budget along with the tentative locations (4 for East Hatchet Ranch and 2 for West Hatchet Ranch) for the cisterns established (within ¼ mile radius). A basic plan for installation has been established. It was noted that cisterns are scarce and all parties were asked to keep an eye out for them. Board granted permission to send an old Grant of Easement to legal counsel for review.

Mr. Schaiberger noted that he has been making phone calls to the State of Colorado assisting West Hatchet Ranch in their request to reopen the west side frontage road (old highway) from MP77 to the West Hatchet Ranch Entrance.

Old Business

Equipment Disposition

Chief Bennett will work with Mr. Wills to identify exact equipment that can be disposed along with minimum bid recommendations. Will use the existing equipment listing as a basis for the information.

Interagency Bank Account

Chief Bennett noted the account is now set-up and all required signatures are in place.

Emergency Evacuation Routes

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Mr. Davis and Captain Beach have been working on this. Found an old listing of signs and found that there are three (3) missing. All sign locations have been updated including GPS Coordinates. The signs were never installed on Highway 165 because they did not meet CDOT Standard. Old forms have been updated and the totes will be updated. One form is an advanced handout and will look at options to disperse this information to the residents.

Chipper

Mr. Wills researched chippers on-line with a price tag of \$10-\$15K. Mr. Wills will talk to Mr. Terry Golly on various options where Mr. Golly will use his chipper to accomplish the task.

New Business

Meeting Dates

Mr. Schaiberger asked the Board Members in attendance to consider changing the date of the meeting so that all Board Members can attend.

Budget Preparation

A preliminary budget will be reviewed next month in advance of having the final budget process completed by December to comply with Small District Regulations.

Receive or Act on Board Correspondence

None.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:20 p.m.

Motion:	Mr. Davis
Second:	Mr. Wills
Aye:	Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Wills, Mr. Davis, Mr. McDowell
Nay:	None

Dated this 19th day of September 2012.

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

Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain