

The Rye Fire Protection District

**MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING
Regular Meeting August 15, 2016**

Present Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Rich Simpson, Mr. Mike Davis, Mr. Wally Rice

Absent Directors – Mr. Garry Melchi

Others - Chief Steve Bennett, Captain Jim Beach

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:54 p.m. by Mr. Schaiberger, who chaired the meeting.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken and present members were introduced.

Audit Review

Mr. Mark Paolucci, CPA for McPherson, Breyfogle, Daveline and Goodrich, PC (MBDG) reviewed the 2015 Audited Financial Statements that was completed in 2016. The audit conducted by MBDG was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. The basic financial statements of the Rye Fire Protection District were prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental units. Mr. Paolucci reviewed the audit and answered Board Members questions. Mr. Paolucci noted that the Board has again done well with a net position improvement from last year and the District is heading in the right direction. Ms. Donna Pickman was recognized as being a great asset in the Districts good performance.

Motion to approve the 2015 Audited Financial Statement as presented.

Motion: Mr. Rice
Second: Mr. Simpson

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Rice
Nay: None

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Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schaiberger asked for any additions or changes to the meeting agenda.

Motion to approve Meeting Agenda for August 15, 2016 as posted.

Motion: Mr. Rice
Second: Mr. Davis

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Rice
Nay: None

Executive Session

None.

Receive or Act on Board Correspondence

None.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schaiberger asked for approval of the minutes of July 2016.

Motion to approval of the meeting minutes for July 2016 as presented.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Schaiberger

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Rice
Nay: None

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Treasurer's Report

Accounts Receivable. Chief Bennett noted that line item #5040 is from a grant with the resulting expense is in line item #7218. The difference is RFPD's matching portion of the grant.

Accounts Payable. No comments.

EMA Activity. Activity was reported running behind budget. Mr. Rice and Captain Beach will meet with EMA to review the billing process and determine if there is a reason why collections are apparently down. A report will be given to the Board at next month's meeting.

Motion to approve Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable.

Motion: Mr. Simpson
Second: Mr. Davis

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Rice
Nay: None

Fire Chief Report

Statistics. In the Month July 2016, Rye Fire responded to 78 calls for service of which 58 were EMS related and 20 were fire related. In comparison with previous year this is an increase of 1% from 2015 and an increase of 9% from the 5 year average of 71.

Administration/Operations. Colorado Safety Grant was awarded. This purchased SCBA masks and packs with cylinders. The State of Colorado processed the order and all the equipment has been received and is in service. The equipment purchased was approximately \$50,000.

Wildland Personal Protective Equipment was ordered and will be paid for with funds from FEMA approximately \$27,000 and an additional 4 SCBA Packs and cylinders at \$25,000.

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

Station tours have been provided to the public at both stations.

Rye Fire continues to provides a delivery / pick up location for bountiful baskets to be delivered and prepared for the public to pick up. This is done on a Bi-Weekly basis.

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Training. Training has been ongoing throughout the month. Fire training covered fire behavior and portable pump operations along with drafting. EMS training is ongoing with a new topic every 6 days providing continuing education for annual requirements.

Task List.

- **Check on Propane.** Check on Pre-Buy amount on propane. Several companies provided pricing. Margas provided a Pre-Pay price of \$1.38 per gallon, including tank rental. They also provided a price of \$0.80 per gallon above market value.

Motion to accept Margas proposal for \$1.38 per gallon including tank rental.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Simpson

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Rice
Nay: None

- **Incentive Level.** Chief Bennett noted he is working on additional information for board review and hopes to have it completed by next meeting.
- **Fire Hydrant.** Chief Bennett noted that the testing of fire hydrants was brought to Colorado City Metro's Board by one of their own and appears that this will occur in the near future.
- **Signature Cards.** Chief Bennett noted that Mr. Davis has signed his card. Mr. Melchi has not signed the signature card at the bank.
- **Staff Appreciation Payment for Received Grants.** Chief Bennet was asked about the dollar value of grants received and if staff had been compensated. According to earlier Board approvals, 4% of the grant will be paid to the grant writer and 1% will go to house dues. Chief Bennett reported that approximately \$74,159 in grants were received. They were written by both Captain Ross Marsh and Chief Bennett. Chief Bennett noted that he did not want any incentive and Captain Marsh has not been compensated.

Motion to pay Captain Ross \$500 in incentives with the balance being paid once next year's tax money comes in.

Motion: Mr. Rice
Second: Mr. Davis

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Rice
Nay: None

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Old Business

Hatchet Ranch Updates

No new updates. Chief Bennett will contact the gentlemen who installed the concrete pads/covers for the other tanks to get this one covers. There is approximately 28,000 gallons of water in the tank at this time.

Interagency

Chief Bennett that he sent a bill to the State of Colorado for the 7.5 days that Engine 16 was deployed to the Hayden Creek Fire just south of Highway 50. Engine 16 is back in service and ready for another deployment.

New Business

None.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:43 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Simpson

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Rice
Nay: None

Dated this 15th Day of August 2016.



Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain