

**The Rye Fire Protection District**

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

Regular Meeting May 16, 2012

Present Directors – Mr. Bill Monck, Mr. Jeff Oswald, Mr. Gunny Pagnotta, Mr. Garry Melchi

Absent Directors – Mr. Ed Hurtado

Others – Co-Interim Chief Steve Bennett, Captain Jim Beach

**Call to Order**

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

Mr. Pagnotta read the Rye Fire Protection District Statement of Conduct for Attendees at Board Meetings.

Mr. Pagnotta took roll call and introduced the Board Members that were present.

Motion to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting for May 16, 2012.

Motion: Mr. Monck  
Second: Mr. Pagnotta  
Aye: Mr. Monck, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Pagnotta, Mr. Melchi  
Nay: None

**Public Comments**

None.

**Minutes of February 2, 2012 Special Meeting**

Motion to approve meeting minutes of February 2, 2012 Special Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Monck  
Second: Mr. Oswald  
Aye: Mr. Monck, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Pagnotta, Mr. Melchi  
Nay: None

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### Minutes of February 3, 2012 Special Meeting

Motion to approve meeting minutes of February 3, 2012 Special Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Oswald  
Second: Mr. Pagnotta  
Aye: Mr. Monck, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Pagnotta, Mr. Melchi  
Nay: None

### Minutes of April 18, 2012 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve meeting minutes of April 18, 2012 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Monck  
Second: Mr. Pagnotta  
Aye: Mr. Monck, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Pagnotta, Mr. Melchi  
Nay: None

### Treasurers Report

Accounts Receivable Discussion. Mr. Monck noted that about \$14,000 was received from the CSFS (Colorado State Forest Service). Co-Interim Chief Bennett noted that there is still another small check that is still outstanding and then we will be cleared up. Chief Bennett noted that he has submitted invoices for 2012. Mr. Melchi inquired if the 2011 Interagency billing documentation is in good shape. Chief Bennett noted that he has balanced all of 2011 interagency billing with each individual and each incident. For 2012, a new process is in place to help streamline the payment process. Mr. Pagnotta inquired about how the health insurance is being paid for former employee, Amy Daniels. Chief Bennett noted that by law for a period of 18 months after an employee leaves that they can get health insurance through COBRA from Rye Fire. The employee has elected to continue the coverage and the insurance company has required that payments by the employee be directed to Rye Fire, who in turn will pay the premium. Chief Bennett noted that Ms. Daniels has been making regular payments to Rye Fire to continue this benefit. Rye Fire is not contributing to the health benefit, but merely acting as a means of getting the payment from the former employee to the health insurance company.

Motion to approve accounts receivable for April 2012.

Motion: Mr. Monck  
Second: Mr. Melchi  
Aye: Mr. Monck, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Pagnotta, Mr. Melchi  
Nay: None

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Accounts Payable Discussion. Mr. Pagnotta thanked Co-Interim Chief Bennett for the payroll information included in the package.

Motion to approve accounts payable for April 2012.

Motion: Mr. Monck  
Second: Mr. Melchi  
Aye: Mr. Monck, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Pagnotta, Mr. Melchi  
Nay: None

### Fire Chief's Report

Statistics. In the month of April 2012, Rye Fire responded to 51 calls for service of which 35 were EMS related and 16 were fire related. In comparison with previous year this is a 3% increase from 2011 and an 11% increase from the five year average of 45.

Administration. Majority of the background checks and drug checks have been completed.

Prevention. Rye Fire staff provided tours for local 4H group at the fire station in Colorado City. These tours include inside the station along with being able to get in the apparatus. We also have several kids come through the fire station for tours throughout the month.

Community Outreach. Had a representative attend the Harlem Ambassadors fund raiser for the three (3) local schools. Three (3) fire fighters attended the One Year Anniversary ribbon cutting at Rye Café. Had attendees at the banquet for the departure of Dan Carlson from the Community Church.

Training. Extensive training has been ongoing throughout the month. This included apparatus (pump operations, drafting, spraying), tools and equipment (operations uses with hands on applications), head to toe PPE (proper donning and drills), and also have had search and rescue drills through buildings with downed personnel and mayday scenarios.

Obtained Grant approval for training. This grant is providing funds for some specialized training for 3 individuals in June at the summer fire academy.

Rye Fire participated with the CSEPP exercise in Pueblo. We provided an ambulance with ALS coverage for the exercise.

Election – Hatchet Ranch. Completed the election for Hatchet Ranch East/West inclusion. The unofficial results East 144-28 yes and the West 41-11 yes. The canvass will be completed on May 17, 2012.

### Old Business

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## Election Update

Co-Interim Chief Bennett noted that neither election is official at this time. The canvass is scheduled for tomorrow for both the Board Election and both Hatchet Ranch Elections. Once the canvass' are complete, then the Pueblo County Clerk and Recorder will consider the election results official.

## New Business

None.

## Board Correspondence

Mr. Pagnotta noted that information given to the Board tonight by Mr. Cook will be reviewed.

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:27 p.m.

Motion:	Mr. Pagnotta
Second:	Mr. Monck
Aye:	Mr. Monck, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Pagnotta, Mr. Melchi
Nay:	None

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012.



Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain