

The Rye Fire Protection District

**MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING
Special Meeting May 18, 2015**

Present Directors – Mr. Jim Elliott, Mr. Mike Davis, Mr. Garry Melchi

Absent Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Wade Wills,

Others - Chief Steve Bennett, Captain Jim Beach

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mr. Elliott, who chaired the meeting.

Roll Call

Captain Beach took roll call. Mr. Schaiberger and Mr. Wills not in attendance.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion to approve Meeting Agenda for May 18, 2015 as posted.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi
Nay: None

Receive or Act on Board Correspondence

None.

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**Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2015 Special Meeting
Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2015 Workshop Meeting**

Meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 27, 2015 Special Meeting and April 27, 2015 Workshop Meeting as presented.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi
Nay: None

Treasurer's Report

Accounts Receivable. No comments to note.

Motion to approve Accounts Receivable for April 2015.

Motion: Mr. Melchi
Second: Mr. Davis

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi
Nay: None

Accounts Payable. No comments to note.

Motion to approve Accounts Payable for April 2015.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi
Nay: None

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EMA Report. It was noted that year to date for 2015, Ambulance Receipts were a little behind, but with billings being up, it is expected that this will increase.

Fire Chief Report

Statistics. In the Month April 2015, Rye Fire responded to 58 calls for service of which 46 were EMS related and 12 were fire related. In comparison with previous year this is no change from 2014 and a decrease of 1% change from the 5 year average of 59.

Administration/Operations. All personnel have been sized for new gear and the order is processing. It is anticipated they will be completely outfitted within the next 45 to 60 days.

Continuing to develop the Fire Cadet/Explorer program in conjunction with Beulah Fire and the Boy Scouts. The cadets will range from 14 – 18 years old. An Open House is Scheduled May 16, 2015 at the station in Colorado City.

Vehicle and Building evaluations have been ongoing throughout the months as we are formulating replacement timelines and remodeling projects for the future.

Continue to submit grant requests to various entities throughout our region.

Middle School students are scheduled to help with Community Service at both stations. This would be helping clean around the grounds and vehicles.

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

Station Tours have been provided to the Public at both stations.

In cooperation with the Colorado Department of Public Safety and School District 70 annual fire inspection of the local schools were completed.

Crews attended various functions throughout the district, mainly local high school sporting events, career day at middle school and DARE participation.

Training. Training has been ongoing throughout the month. Fire training covered general fire knowledge, district mapping. EMS training is ongoing with a new topic every 6 days concerning procedure changes, protocol changes and continuing education.

The Board passed condolences to Chief Bennett's family after his wife's loss of her father in Texas.

Old Business

Status Reports on Work Sessions

Chief Bennett passed out several updates from the April 2015 Workshop Session and quickly reviewed each. Included Payscales and Mil Levies from various nearby agencies, Station Goals, Employee Coverage Goals, and Equipment Replacement Plan. Chief Bennett also passed out a copy

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of SOG 100.01, Rye Fire Mission and Vision Statement for the Board to review. Captain Beach passed out four (4) draft write-up's for station improvements. Included Station #1, Station #2, new Station in San Isabel, and new Station in Hatchet Ranch. Board was asked to review all documents and report back to either Chief Bennett or Captain Beach with any comments. Captain Beach will work on estimates for the next board session.

Question was asked regarding the status of old Med 21. Chief Bennett noted that he previously received a bid from AMR for \$10,000. At that time, the Board declined the bid and decided to not sell at that time. AMR has since inquired and Chief Bennett noted to them of the Board's decision. Chief Bennett will recontact AMR with a counter offer and negotiate. Before finalizing, Chief Bennett will bring back to the Board the offer for the Board to take action, if appropriate.

Hatchet Ranch Updates

Chief Bennett will investigate pricing for "Non-Potable" water signs on the tanks with the Rye Fire Logo. Before cold weather sets in this fall, a couple valves need to be replaced along with new cold-weather protection boxes installed. Mr. Elliott noted that a few t-posts will need to be installed to keep cattle from damaging the piping. Mr. Elliott noted that minor settlement has occurred on the Muddy Creek tank and he will have this repaired. Mr. Elliott noted that Mr. Schaiberger reported to him that he had not heard anymore regarding air movement of the large tank and if no favorable word is heard in the next two (2) weeks, that he will continue discussions with the ground movement firm that he had previously contacted. Mr. Melchi and Mr. Wills have had some conversations from another military agency about air movement and will report back at the next meeting their findings.

Interagency

Chief Bennett passed out two (2) large packets of information, which were sample billing packages for a possible deployment. One packet was for sending out Engine 13 (Type 3 Engine) for 14 days. The other was the same except for sending out Engine 16 (Type 6 Engine). All expenses were itemized and showed a profit from the deployment. The deployment will only send one (1) truck out a time with our personnel.

Motion to put both Engine 13 and Engine 16 on available status for deployment with Rye Fire Personnel. Once a deployment occurs, the other vehicle will go unavailable for deployment. Once the deployment finishes, the deployment will be reviewed.

Motion: Mr. Melchi
Second: Mr. Davis

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi
Nay: None

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New Business

Terry Kraus – Greenhorn Valley View

Terry Kraus approached the Board about two (2) advertising opportunities. One was to advertise in the “Summer Guide” which will be about 6,000 copies and distributed to various areas such as San Isabel. Due to timing, this will be a full-page black-and-white ad with a cost of \$400. Second opportunity was to do a mass mailing to all residents of the area on July 2nd. Color cost will be \$300.

Motion to purchase advertising from Greenhorn Valley View for the Summer Guide and mass mailing at a cost of \$700.

Motion: Mr. Melchi
Second: Mr. Davis

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi
Nay: None

Mr. Kraus also noted that they are working on putting together calendars for 2016. He noted that Rye Fire can purchase a 28 page color calendar, 200 quantities, for about \$4.00 each. He noted that these could be sold as a fund raiser. This will be discussed further.

Election of Officers

Mr. Elliott noted to the Board Members present that in the July meeting Officers will be elected.

Executive Session

Mr. Elliott noted as authorized by C.R.S. Section 24-6-402, Subsection 4, Paragraphs A-H, this board will now convene in Executive Session. The topic of the Executive Session will be for Personnel Discussion. The Executive Session will not be open to the public. No adoption of any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action shall occur at this Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting of May 18, 2015 to executive session was made at 7:42 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi

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Nay: None

Discussion was:

- Personnel Discussion

Motion to adjourn Executive Session of May 18, 2015 to regular session was made at 7:45 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi
Nay: None

Following Executive Session, the Board returned to regular session and the room was opened back up to the public.

Receive or Act on Board Correspondence

None.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:47 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Elliott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi
Nay: None

Dated this 18th day of May 2015.



Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain