

The Rye Fire Protection District

**MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING
Regular Meeting September 18, 2017**

Present Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Rich Simpson, Mr. Mike Davis, Mr. Garry Melchi

Absent Directors – Mr. Wally Rice

Others - Chief Steve Bennett, Captain Jim Beach, Firefighter Nolting, Firefighter Euler

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 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 added Colorado Trust – Building Fund and Capital Reserve discussion.

Motion to approve Meeting Agenda for September 18, 2017 as posted with noted inclusions.

Motion: Mr. Simpson
Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melchi
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 2017.

Motion to approval of the meeting minutes for August 2017 as presented.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

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

Treasurer's Report

Accounts Receivable. The Income Statement W/O Charges Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures shows a substantial amount over the Cash Accounts Summary amount. It is believed that these should match. Chief Bennett believes that there is a calculation error and continuing to verify with Colorado City Metro.

Accounts Payable. There was a reimburse payment to a patient and detailed below.

Emergency Medical Services. Chief Bennett noted that the new firm, EMS Billing Services, is completing the setup and waiting on Medicare and Medicaid to be finalized. Then all transports from July 19th to current will be processed. Chief Bennett noted that no revenue was received and the reports show a negative amount which was a refund. It was verified that original payment was received from an insurance company, which was a double payment. The refund was issued.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable for August 2017.

Motion: Mr. Simpson
Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

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

Fire Chief Report

Statistics. In the Month August 2017, Rye Fire responded to 94 calls for service of which 74 were EMS related and 20 were fire related. In comparison with previous year call volume this is an increase of 1% and an increase of 9% from the 5-year average of 86.

Administration/Operations. Currently waiting on response from FEMA pertaining to a grant request that was submitted for the purchase of Life Pack 15 cardiac monitors.

City of Pueblo donated a structure fire truck. Working on a budget and plan to get truck into service. It is going to cost approximately \$5,500 to get into service. This truck will be utilized for Structure fires and Car accidents.

Researched grants for exhaust systems for the fire stations, no grants are available at this time.
Researched grants for vehicle hearing protection while using sirens.

Prevention. We continue to provide Mitigation assessments for homeowners throughout the District. A lot of the mitigation assessments are requested from the homeowner's insurance or the insurance agent of the purchaser.

Participated with a fire truck in the State Fair Parade. Personnel and apparatus attended the safety alley at the fair for show and tell with wildland equipment. Personnel and equipment attended the Day at the Lake Event.

Training. Training has been ongoing. Fire training was ground operations with electric cars, map reviews road familiarization. EMS training is ongoing with a new topic every 6 days providing continuing education for annual requirements.

Task List.

- **Fire Hydrants.** Approximately ¼ of the hydrants in Colorado City are complete.
- **EMS Billing Services.** Currently waiting Medicare and Medicaid to finalize. All transports from July 19 to current will be processed by the new provider.
- **Exhaust System.** Researched companies over the internet ranging from \$40,000 to \$50,000 per station. Dan from Fume-A-Vent from Missouri quoted \$13,600 (4 bays) for Station #2 and \$15,900 (5 bays) for Station #1. Pricing may vary slightly after final floor plans are provided. Chief Bennett noted that this just came in and he has not had a chance to review the bid. Mr. Simpson asked about requirement for obtaining bids. Due to value, further bids will be received on this item per our by-laws.
- **Emergency Generators.** Chief Bennett noted that the emergency generator acquisition does not require bidding. He has two (2) bids. Chief Bennett has a quote for \$2,948 to purchase two (2) generator packages, which do not include load panel and 100 Amp main and installation per Station. The vendor is Western Power Group from Walsenburg Colorado. Both stations will be the same configuration at 13 KW to keep both stations running

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completely. The generators will run on propane.

Motion to procure emergency generators for both stations from Western Power Group.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Schaiberger

Further Discussion: None.

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

It was noted that there was a tabled discussion from last month that needed to be untabled.

Motion to untable the discussion regarding the emergency generator, exhaust system, and capital reserve injection.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

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

The movement of funds to a capital reserve fund or to the Colo Trust is being considered by the Board. Further in-depth discussions will be done next month after review of the Treasurer's Report to determine the best timing.

Old Business

Intergency Updates

There have been no requests for service.

Fire Hydrants

See Task List under Fire Chief's Report.

Upcoming Projects

Emergency Generator. See Task List under Fire Chief's Report.

Exhaust System. See Task List under Fire Chief's Report

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New Business

The current Scott thermal imager has been down for about nine (9) months. Replacement costs for Scott units has been extremely high. Chief Bennet noted he has a quote for the same unit under a different name for substantially less. The Flir K-Series unit was quoted at \$4,400 which includes a \$1,000 trade in allowance. The unit includes a case, battery and charger. A special feature allows for recording of events and pictures for historical documentation. Board agreed that this will be helpful in documenting scenes. The unit can be obtained in a few days.

Motion to purchase Flir-K Series Thermal Imager for \$4,400 as presented.

Motion: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Melchi

Further Discussion: None.

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

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:58 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Simpson

Dated this 18th Day of September 2017.



Submitted by Jim Beach, Captain