

MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Regular Meeting of June 20, 2021

Present: John Schaiberger, Rich Simpson, George McGoff

Absent: Wally Rice, Mike Graber, Jim Beach

Others: Steve Bennett

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Mr. Schaiberger.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schaiberger asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Mr. Schaiberger noted some items but stated they will be discussed through the Fire Chiefs report.

Motion: Mr. Simpson

Second: Mr. McGoff

No further discussion

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff

Abstain: None

Nay: None

Receive or Act on Board Correspondence

None

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schaiberger asked for approval of the minutes from May 17, 2021 regular meeting. No changes were noted.

Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 17, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Simpson

Second: Mr. Schaiberger

No further discussion

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff

Abstain: None

Nay: None

Treasurer's Report

Questions about emergency medical services in regards to current YTD and Budget figures. The ytd amount is less than what it should be compared to budget. Chief Bennett explained this is due to the increased refusals that are processed. The EMS billing report was incorrect as the bar graph was only showing data through March 2021, Mr Schaiberger request that the correction get made and emailed out to all the board members. Mr. Schaiberger asked why the heading on the GL accounts for EMS services has not been changed yet. This was a programming issue and the program technical support has to get that changed and it will be completed before next month's meeting. Board discussed the amount in Interagency account, everything has been paid out for interagency and this is the amount left. Board Motioned to move all but \$100.00 from the Interagency account to the DDA. ColoTrust rates were discussed as the rates have appeared to significantly drop, this was due to the market dropping through the COVID pandemic, we should soon see the rates begin to rise, currently the rate is nearly the same as the Bank of San Juan.

Motion to move money from the Interagency account to the DDA leaving \$100.00 balance in the Interagency account.

Motion: Mr. Simpson
Second: Mr. McGoff

No further discussion

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Graber
Abstain: None
Nay: None

Motion to Approve treasurers report to include accounts payable, accounts receivable, and EMS billing.

Motion: Mr. Simpson
Second: Mr. McGoff

No further discussion

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Graber
Abstain: None
Nay: None

Capital Projects

An estimate for the replacement of the garage doors for Station 1 in Rye was presented. The estimate submitted is approximately \$2,000 less than the first estimate after Mr. Graber talked to Prutch's. The estimate is dismantling all 5 doors and removal and the install of 5 new doors. The electrical work will be completed by on staff electrician before the doors are installed. It was also discussed to begin getting estimates to paint the exterior portion of Station 1 in Rye.

Motion to approve the estimate presented and order the garage doors from Prutch's.

Motion: Mr. Simpson
Second: Mr. McGoff
Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff

Fire Chiefs Report

Statistics

In the Month of May 2021, Rye Fire responded to 73 calls for service of which 63 were EMS related and 10 were fire related. In comparison with the previous year of 93 calls this is a 22% decrease from 2020 and a decrease of 10% from the 5-year average of 81.

Administration/Operations

Primary structure engine has a catastrophic engine failure. The thermostat on the left side of the engine malfunctioned and got stuck cause an over heat of the engine while responding on a call. This is under repair. Repairs look to be finished the 3rd week of June.

All interagency has been paid for the season and there is approximately \$33k left over, this will be transferred to the general account and to note this is enough to cover the repairs of the engine. The transfer from the account should be a board action, which could be done this meeting.

Prevention

Assisted schools with their monthly fire drills.

Fire safety classes are still in the works for the residents within the District.

We continue to post monthly facebook safety tips.

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

Training

Training has been ongoing with misc. fire training, SCBA drills. EMS training ongoing to maintain continuing education requirements.

Task List

- Work on plans to start testing Colorado City Hydrants in cooperation with CCMD, testing is still on hold due to infrastructure issues within the water system.
- Research of time line on record retention completed.
- Propane was researched for the Station in Rye. BlueFlame out of Pueblo West had the best prices.

Old Business

Fires in Region and Staff updates

Questions about adequate staffing. A roster was given to the board with all employees listed. The list included 19 employees which included both full time and part-time with qualifications of each noted.

Structure Engine

The fire engine is still in the shop but it is anticipated the repairs will be completed before the end of the month.

Auditors

Auditors will be completing their field work this month.

New Business

None

Other Business

Mr. Schaiberger noted election of officers need to be added to the agenda for next months meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn was made at 6:13 p.m.

Motion:	Mr. McGoff
Second:	Mr. Mr. Simpson
Aye:	All Present

Dated this 24th day June, 2021.



Submitted by Steven E. Bennett, Fire Chief