

The Rye Fire Protection District

**MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Special Meeting November 29, 2021**

Present Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Rich Simpson, Mr. Wally Rice, Mr. George McGoff

Absent Directors – Mr. Mike Graber

Others – Acting Administrative Chief Jim Beach, Acting Chief of Operations Mike Christian

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mr. John Schaiberger, who chaired the meeting. Meeting was held in-person at 4497 Bent Brothers Drive, Colorado City Colorado.

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.

Motion to accept the agenda as posted for November 29, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Simpson
Second: Mr. McGoff

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Rice, Mr. McGoff
Abstain: None
Nay: None

Receive of Act on Board Correspondence

None.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

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Approval of Minutes

The minutes were from September 20, 2021. The October meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19. No changes noted on the September 20, 2021 minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 2021.

Motion: Mr. McGoff
Second: Mr. Simpson

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff, Mr. Rice
Abstain: None
Nay: None

Treasurer's Report

Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable October 2021. Mr. Mark Paolucci, Rye Fire's new Accounting Firm, passed out draft copies of financials and went over them. Due to recent changes in staffing, full reports were not available. Mr. Simpson asked, and it was confirmed that none of the yearly \$75,000 budgeted capital funds had been transferred to the ColoTrust Capital Account. Acting Administrative Chief Beach noted that several large expenditures that would qualify (E261 Chassis, E231 motor repair and Station 1 Doors) were taken out of the regular budget since those accounts were in good shape.

Motion to move \$50,000 from Bank of San Juans to the ColoTrust Capital Account.

Motion: Mr. Simpson
Second: Mr. Schaiberger

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. McGoff, Mr. Rice
Abstain: None
Nay: None

Mr. Paolucci gave Acting Administrative Chief Beach all checks to be signed along with supporting documents in case the board has questions on any checks to be signed.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable for October 2021.

Motion: Mr. Simpson
Second: Mr. Rice

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Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Rice, Mr. McGoff
Abstain: None
Nay: None

For the EMS Billings, due to staffing changes within the Department, no reports were presented.

Capital Projects. All existing Capital Projects are complete.

Fire Chief Report

Due to current staffing with Chief Bennett out with COVID-19 for several months, no Fire Chief Report was available for this meeting.

Fire Hydrants. Colorado City Hydrants. Testing still on hold. Chief Bennett working with CCMD for a plan when this can occur.

COVID Bus. It was noted that the COVID Bus will be at Valley Market on Sunday, December 12th for any individual to obtain any of the three (3) COVID vaccines or boosters. Flu shots will also be available. This is free of charge. Rye Staff have been posting flyers around the district and will be in the local newspaper.

Old Business

Fires in Region and Staff Updates

- Fires in Region. No new fires.
- Staff Updates. New EMT's are on-board with some ready to become paramedics soon.

New Business

2022 Budget

Draft budget was distributed and reviewed. Includes a 8% increase in wage/salaries. The increase in the overall budget is being reflected in the tax revenue being received due to increased property valuations. The budget needs to be submitted to the State of Colorado and local Clerk & Reporter's Offices by December 15th. A special meeting will be held on December 9, 2021 to approve the budget. A posting in the newspaper will also be completed to comply with budget requirements.

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Executive Session

Mr. Schaiberger noted that the Board will go into Executive Session. The topic of the Executive Session will be to discuss Staff Updates. 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 go into Executive Session at 6:30 pm.

Motion: Mr. Schaiberger
Second: Mr. Rice

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Rice, Mr. McGoff
Abstain: None
Nay: None

Discussion was Staff Updates.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session was made at 8:45.

Motion: Mr. Schaiberger
Second: Mr. Rice

Further Discussion: None.

Aye: Mr. Schaiberger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Rice, Mr. McGoff
Abstain: None
Nay: None

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

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:46 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Rice

Dated this 29th day of November 2021.



Submitted by Jim Beach, Acting Administrative Chief