

## **The Rye Fire Protection District**

### **MINUTES OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Special Meeting February 28, 2022**

Present Directors – Mr. John Schaiberger, Mr. Rich Simpson, Mr. Wally Rice, Mr. Mike Graber

Absent Directors – 2Mr. George McGoff

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.

No input on the agenda and no vote.

### **Old Business**

#### **Election Update**

Deo Jim Beach noted that only three (3) individuals submitted self-nominations prior to the deadline and no write-in candidates submitted paperwork. Mr. Beach needs to confirm that all applications are acceptable, but the director portion of the election will be cancelled this week.

At the Board Meeting on February 21, 2021, the Board chose to have the electorate decide if Rye Fire should allow elimination of term limits for Board Members. This is allowed by State Law with the approval of the voters. Mr. Simpson verified that this is possible from legal counsel who drafted Resolution 22-008 which included ballot language.

#### **Resolution 22-008 – Elimination of Term Limits for Directors**

Rye Fire Board of Directors has determined that it is in the best interest of the District that term limits on Directors be removed and it is necessary to submit the question to the registered electors at the May 3, 2022 election. The ballot language shall read:

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SHALL THE LIMITATIONS ON TERMS OF OFFICE IMPOSED BY ARTICLE XVIII, SECTION 11, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION BE ELIMINATED FOR DIRECTORS OF THE RYE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT?

Motion to approve Resolution 22-008 to include this on the May 3, 2022 Election for the elimination of term limits for Director.

Motion: Mr. Graber  
Second: Mr. Rice

Further Discussion: None.

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

There was a discussion regarding whether Rye Fire should have Pueblo County administer the election or complete inhouse. DEO Jim Beach noted that Rye Fire can administer the election but will require extensive time. Mr. Graber noted that he found out that Pueblo County charges \$2.20 per registered voter which includes printing of ballots, mailing of ballots, and counting of ballots. There are roughly 5,125 voters in Pueblo County and a small number additionally in Huerfano and Custer County.

Motion to allow Pueblo County to administer the Special Election on May 3, 2022.

Motion: Mr. Simpson  
Second: Mr. Graber

Further Discussion: None.

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

## Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:20 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Rice

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.



Submitted by Jim Beach, Acting Administrative Chief