

Meeting Minutes for
Rico Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting: December 5th, 2022

The regular Rico Fire Protection District Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Acting Chair Raegan Ellease.

Roll Call: RFPD Board members Sarah Eckles, Raegan Ellease, Tyler Lapp (remote) and Stacy Sheridan. Gregg Anderson was absent due to illness.

Guests Present: RVFD Fire Chief Todd Jones, RFPD Administrator David Kunz, Allyn Svoboda (via Zoom).

Approval of Agenda: Sarah Eckles moved to approve the agenda as amended; Stacy Sheridan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes: Stacy Sheridan moved to approve the minutes for the November 21st, 2022 regular meeting. Tyler Lapp seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Approval of Financial Report, Accounts Payable, Pension Checks: Kunz added one bill for approval: Town of Rico (\$100.00 for water/utilities). Tyler Lapp moved to approve payment for the bills as presented (plus additional), pay pension checks, and to accept the financial report. Sarah Eckles seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Administrative Report: No word yet on the Rico Center funding request for 2023. Kunz reiterated that the Department is still waiting for delivery of the bunker gear ordered under the CFSDPG grant. Dolores County Emergency Manager Keith Keesling may have a source of funding for a backup generator. The unit would be propane fired, 40 kw, one phase. RFPD would be responsible for the location of the unit, pouring a 4x6' pad, and running the necessary electrical connections to the panel. All other items on agenda.

Grants (awarded):

Colorado Fire Safety and Disease Prevention (CFSDPG) 2022: \$9,560.00 in funding for (4) sets of Structural Fire PPE. RFPD is authorized to spend funding. Closeout: 10/31/22. Kunz requested an extension to file for reimbursement.

Grants (pending): Rico Center 2023: application submitted. Operations request for \$66,226.00, including \$50k in funding for a rescue truck; Fourth of July request for \$2975.00.

Grants (potential):

El Pomar: 100% funding for wildland firefighting equipment

DOLA Tier 2 funding: see "New Property Improvement Plan" under old business.

Fire Chief Report (Fire Chief Todd Jones)

Runs: No calls since the 11/21 meeting.

Training: RVFD members participated in a fire tower exercise in Lewis. Montezuma Fire Chiefs' Firefighter 1 class will be held in Rico late March through early April.

Equipment: OK

Old Business:

New Property Improvement Plan: Continued until next month, and on 2023 work plan.

RFPD Development Review Standards/procedures: Continued until January 2023.

Light Rescue Truck project: The project as proposed will cost \$160,000: Kunz plans to ask CDPHE's EMTS program for \$60,000 (Feb 2023); the Rico Center for \$50,000 (submitted); the Telluride Foundation for

\$18,000 (Oct. 2023); Dolores County and San Miguel Power for \$5,000.00 each. RFPD's contribution to the project would likely be approximately \$21,000.

RFPD Host planning:2024 Tri State Firemans' Association (TSFA): Due to the large budget and the significant volunteer hours needed to put on this event, it will remain on the agenda and on the 2023 work plan. RVFD will plan to form several committees to address training, food, fundraising and scheduling for the event. Dolores Fire may be able to lend a canopy, which would be a significant savings over renting. The commercial sink for the kitchen will be revisited in April if a used unit cannot be located.

New Business:

Resolution 2022-4: Adoption of 2023 Budget: Stacy Sheridan moved to approve; Tyler Lapp seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Resolution 2022-5: Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money: Stacy Sheridan moved to approve; Sarah Eckles seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Resolution 2022-6: Resolution to Set Mill Levies: Stacy Sheridan moved to approve; Sarah Eckles seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Resolution 2022-7: Amending the 2022 Budget: Stacy Sheridan moved to approve; Sarah Eckles seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Christmas Party: scheduled for December 17th at 6 PM.

The regular January 2023 meeting is scheduled for the 16th.

A motion to adjourn was made by Stacy Sheridan and seconded by Sarah Eckles at 7:53 PM. Approval was unanimous.

Chairman

Secretary