

Meeting Minutes for  
Rico Fire Protection District  
Regular Meeting: June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The regular Rico Fire Protection District Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Acting Chair Raegan Ellease .

**Roll Call:** RFPD Board members Gregg Anderson (via Zoom), Raegan Ellease, and Stacy Sheridan. Mary Hagan and Susan Robertson were absent.

**Guests Present:** RVFD Fire Chief Todd Jones, RFPD Administrator David Kunz, Sarah Eckles, Tyler Lapp and Allyn Svoboda (via Zoom).

**Approval of Agenda:** Stacy Sheridan moved to approve the agenda as written; Raegan Ellease seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Letter of Resignation: Mary Hagan:** Stacy Sheridan moved to accept Hagan's letter of resignation; Gregg Anderson seconded. Approval was unanimous. Hagan had served on the District since 2018.

**Appointment of Interim Board Members:** Stacy Sheridan moved to appoint Sarah Eckles and Tyler Lapp as interim Board members until the May, 2023 election; Raegan Ellease seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Oath of New Board Members:** Sarah Eckles and Tyler Lapp took the Oath of Office. Their signed oaths, notices of appointment, and bond will be filed with the State (DOLA).

Gregg Anderson left the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Stacy Sheridan moved to approve the minutes for the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 regular meeting. Raegan Ellease seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous, with Eckles and Lapp abstaining.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Approval of Financial Report, Accounts Payable and Pension Checks for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter:** Kunz added three more bills to be paid: \$1620.00 to Tri State Fireman's Association/Dolores Fire for meals for 18 attendees at TSFA 2022; \$284.36 to Cortez Fire District for Chauncey McCarthy's FF1 class in 2021; \$11.39 to Amazon for SAR supplies. Stacy Sheridan moved to approve payment for the bills as presented/plus additional, accept the financial report and pay pension checks. Sarah Eckles seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Administrative Report:** Kunz reported he had spent time on compliance and grant fulfillment, as well as preparing for the Fourth of July.

**Grants (Awarded):**

**Rico Center 2022:** \$32,774.25 requested for Fire Operations; \$1,000.00 for avalanche beacons; \$2,875.00 requested for the 2022 Fourth of July. Payment has been received and fulfillment has started. Closeout: 8/31/22.

**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.

**Grants (potential):**

**USDA VFA 2022:** 50/50 match for wildland firefighting equipment

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

**Fire Chief Report (Fire Chief Todd Jones)**

**Runs:** (1) EMS patient contact/public safety, no transport

**Training:** Tri-State Firefighter will be held August 6<sup>th</sup>. DFPC will have the burn trailer and driving simulator. RFPD may consider hosting TSFA in 2023.

**Equipment:** Tanker replacement on-hold; antifreeze leak addressed in 922.

**Old Business:**

**New Property Improvement Plan/fundraising strategies:** Ongoing issue.

**Town of Rico Lodging Tax:** Ongoing questions on whether the Town can re-allocate revenue from the voter-approved short-term lodging tax to RFPD. Dolores County may be considering a County-wide sales tax.

**2022 Fourth of July:** “We’re doing it,”: Bake Sale and Firefighter dinner on Saturday; Community/Old Timers' picnic/volleyball tournament on Sunday (held in Rico Town park); parade, food line (featuring Philly Cheese steaks, also some burgers,brats and hot dogs), Duck Race and fireworks on Monday.

**New Business:**

The next regular RFPD Board meeting is scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sarah Eckles and seconded by Stacy Sheridan at 8:48 PM. Approval was unanimous.

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Chairman

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Secretary