

Meeting Minutes for  
Rico Fire Protection District  
Regular Meeting  
January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

The regular Rico Fire Protection District Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Tyler Lapp.

**Members Present:** RFPD board members Gregg Anderson, Mary Hagan, Tyler Lapp, Susan Robertson and Stacy Sheridan.

**Guests Present:** RVFD Fire Chief Todd Jones; RFPD Administrator David Kunz

**Approval of Agenda:** Gregg Anderson moved to approve the agenda as written (noted that the proper meeting date on the Agenda should be January 22, 2020); Susan Robertson seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:** Tyler Lapp moved to approve the minutes for December 9, 2019 as submitted; Stacy Sheridan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Approval of Financial Report and Accounts Payable:** Gregg Anderson moved to approve the financial report and to pay the bills as presented, including the bill for the EMT class for \$10,440 to Southwest Training Center; seconded by Mary Hagan. Approval was unanimous.

**Administrative Report:**

**Grants (Awarded):**

**CREATE** grant: \$8169.60 in funding through the Colorado Rural Health Center's CREATE grant to help fund the Rico EMT class.

**Rico Center 2020:** \$34,071.06 in funding to support Rescue, Fire and EMS operations, as well as \$2,775 for the 2019 Fourth of July Celebration. This grant has been fully funded, the acceptance is ready to be signed.

**Grants (Pending):**

**FEMA FY 2018 AFG** grant: this is a six-agency grant for dual band radios. Kunz has submitted the information requested by Rick Spencer of Cortez FD who is submitting the grant.

**2020 EMTS** grant: Kunz is writing a grant to apply for a refurbished CPR compression device "Lucas" at a reduced match (either 20 or 30%) The refurbished units cost approximately \$10,000. Grant is due 2/15/2020.

**2020 VFA** grant: this is a 50/50 match for wildland fire equipment. Grant is due 2/15/2020.

Kunz stated that he spent most of this month's time on end of year/beginning of the year compliance, the 2020 election, the 2019 audit; and the 2020 EMTS grant.

**Fire Chief Report:**

**Runs:** (3): a spot activation in Barlow Creek; a seizure in Silver Glance; an unknown problem in River St.

**Training:** EMT class has started. Pat Drew and Justin Juarez are planning to attend the S130/190 (wildland fire) component of FF1 or the Fire Academy. Jones may attend the Engine Boss class in Ignacio.

**Equipment:** Trucks are in good shape thanks to Guy Wallace. The ambulance has an open recall and will be due for the annual inspection.

**Old Business:**

**Proposed Expansion of RFPD to unincorporated Dolores County lands:** Gregg Anderson presented the draft map of the proposed expanded district for the Board and Chief's review and approval.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2020-1: Appointment of Designated Election Official:** The next RFPD election is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>. Because the State is transitioning to odd-year elections, the three seats up in 2020 (Lapp, Robertson, Sheridan) will be elected for three-year terms. Candidates may self nominate at this time. The Call for Nominations will be printed in the Telluride Daily Planet after January 26<sup>th</sup>. Gregg Anderson moved to approve resolution 2020-1; Stacy Sheridan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Appointment of RFPD officers:** By general consensus, Tyler Lapp will serve as Chairman; Gregg Anderson as Pro Tem Chairman and Treasurer; David Kunz as Secretary (Secretary does not have to be a Board Member).

**Review/Approval of RFPD By-laws:** Gregg Anderson moved to approve the RFPD by laws as written for 2020; Tyler Lapp seconded. Approval was unanimous.

**2020 Work Plan:** Firehouse expansion: Chief Jones discussed the possibility of expanding the firehouse with an additional building or addition to the south in order to add additional vehicle bays, a better kitchen/bathroom and better classroom space. Jones also mentioned that the “pink house” to the south of the FS is for sale. Gregg Anderson commented that any firehouse expansion that would require a commercial septic would be very challenging to fit onto the site. It is unknown at this time when or whether Glasgow Ave commercial properties will get sewered. Jones will get Anderson a footprint size for the possible expansion.

Kunz stated that he had taken an online class in fire department liability and would like to work toward development of SOP's for operations, also apparatus safety/driver training, and background checks for members. Tyler Lapp noted that all RVFD members should read and sign acknowledgment of the Volunteer Handbook. Jones mentioned that he is working to accommodate the Sheriff's request for specific technical rescue skills to be documented.

**Rescheduling RFPD meeting due to EMT class:** RFPD board members agreed to temporarily reschedule the regular February – May meetings to the second Wednesday of the month due to the scheduling conflict with the EMT class. The Firehouse classroom is double-booked for April due to the EMT class and the Fire Academy.

A motion to adjourn was made by Stacy Sheridan and seconded by Gregg Anderson at 8:27. Approval was unanimous.

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Chairman

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Meeting Minutes for  
Rico Fire Protection District  
Regular Meeting  
February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The regular Rico Fire Protection District Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chairman Tyler Lapp.

**Members Present:** RFPD board members Tyler Lapp, Susan Robertson and Stacy Sheridan. Gregg Anderson arrived late due to a Planning Commission presentation; Mary Hagan arrived late due to family commitment.

**Guests Present:** RVFD Fire Chief Todd Jones; RFPD Administrator David Kunz

**Approval of Agenda:** Susan Robertson moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the proposed Commnet cell tower under new business. Stacy Sheridan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:** Susan Robertson moved to approve the minutes for January 22, 2020 as submitted; Stacy Sheridan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Approval of Financial Report and Accounts Payable:** Susan Robertson moved to approve the financial report and to pay the bills as presented, including the bill for Tri-State dues for \$170.00; seconded by Tyler Lapp. Approval was unanimous.

Mary Hagan joined the meeting at 7:23.

**Administrative Report:**

**Grants (Awarded):**

**CREATE** grant: \$8169.60 in funding through the Colorado Rural Health Center's CREATE grant to help fund the Rico EMT class.

**Rico Center 2020:** \$34,071.06 in funding to support Rescue, Fire and EMS operations, as well as \$2,775 for the 2019 Fourth of July Celebration. The grant has been approved and the acceptance signed and returned.

**Grants (Pending):**

**FEMA FY 2018 AFG** grant: this is a six-agency grant for dual band radios. Kunz has submitted the information requested by Rick Spencer of Cortez FD who is submitting the grant.

**2020 EMTS** grant: Kunz is writing a grant to apply for a refurbished CPR compression device ("Lucas") at a 20% match. The refurbished units cost approximately \$10,000. Grant is due 2/15/2020. Financial waiver hearing is scheduled for late February, grant awards are announced early June-ish, awards and go-ahead is June 30.

**2020 VFA** grant: this is a 50/50 match for wildland fire equipment. Equipment proposed for purchase includes wildland packs, shelters and chainsaw accessories, Total project cost is \$2743.61. Grant is due 2/15/2020.

Kunz stated that he spent most of this month's time on the 2020 election, the 2019 audit; and the 2020 EMTS grant and VFA grants, and the District expansion.

**Fire Chief Report:**

**Runs:** None.

**Training:** EMT class is a month in, and seems to be going well except the students still have no textbooks. Pat Fallon, Jennessa Jameson, and Justin Juarez hope to attend either the S130/190 (wildland fire) component of FF1 or the Fire Academy. Jones may attend a chainsaw class in Ignacio.

**Equipment:** 925 ambulance had the recall performed, oil change and mechanical inspection. Ambulance equipment inspection was performed on 2/10 in Rico. 925 still has an open recall on the inverter. One of the snowmobiles may need a minor repair after a training exercise.

Gregg Anderson joined the meeting at 7:50.

**Old Business:**

**Proposed Expansion of RFPD to unincorporated Dolores County lands:** Kunz prepared a very rough draft budget that estimated the additional revenue from the proposed expansion as well as the additional expenditures that could be required if RFPD also took on the Fish Creek/West Fork station. Some costs remained the same, some were adjusted upwards by a factor of 1.5, certain items were big questions, like: insurance costs, utility costs (particularly water); and most especiallly capital costs. As per Chief Jones, the proposed Fish Creek station land donation is pending, and construction is scheduled to begin this year. The building would be a 40 x 60' footprint, construction type unknown. Dolores County would do the grading and access as the site is next to the County shop. Existing trucks include an engine, tanker, brush truck and command (old ambulance from Dove Creek). Mr. Kristoff from Dunton has donated \$100K towards the construction of the Fish creek station.

Gregg Anderson expressed skepticism that the additional revenue generated by the expanded district borders would cover the additional exposure of mandated response to the larger area. Susan Robertson wanted to know how the existing FD personnel felt about mandated response to the West Fork or beyond. Stacy Sheridan was also concerned about the revenue vs. expense of the additional capital improvements. Mary Hagan was concerned about the necessity of sending the EMT's and ambulance out of town for many hours for a West Fork response. Next steps: Chief Jones will establish more information about the proposed Fish Creek station, and what it would entail/include. Anderson will redraw the expanded boundaries to eliminate most of the Groundhog area to see what that will do to the revenue. Kunz will get the revised map to the assessor as well as work through the existing list of approx. 600 pieces of property proposed for inclusion in order to figure out revenue and prepare for the proposed survey.

Timeline: the ballot question would have to be drafted and go to the clerk at the end of July. The lawyer (possibly Floyd Smith from Durango) would need to have direction by mid- to late June. Given the 30-60 days for the survey to be completed, Anderson stated that the RFPD April meeting would be the "fish or cut bait" meeting. This agenda item will be continued until next month.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2020-2: Application for Exemption from Audit:** After review of the Application, prepared by Trainor CPA, Stacy Sheridan moved to approve Resolution 2020-2; seconded by Tyler Lapp. Approval was unanimous.

**2020 RFPD Election:** Call for nominations was published in the Telluride Daily Planet, is on the website and posted around town. No other interested parties as of yet. Tyler Lapp, Stacy Sheridan and Susan Robertson's seats are up for election. If no other prospective candidates submit a self-nomination form by February 28<sup>th</sup>, the election will be canceled.

**RFPD Fourth of July 2020 schedule:** FOJ is on a Saturday so the events are packed. Can Duck Race be held on Sunday? Can Bake Sale be held some other day? Park or Ballfield for the OT picnic? Rent a tractor to grade the ballfield? Ballfield access? To be continued... next month!

**Proposed Commnet Cell Tower expansion:** The Board examined the conceptual drawings provided by Mario Castenada of SAC wireless. The Board was in favor of proceeding with the improvement. Kunz will establish the final height of the improved tower.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tyler Lapp and seconded by Gregg Anderson at 9:05. Approval was unanimous.

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Meeting Minutes for  
Rico Fire Protection District  
Regular Meeting  
March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The regular Rico Fire Protection District Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Tyler Lapp.

**Members Present:** RFPD board members Gregg Anderson, Mary Hagan, Tyler Lapp, Susan Robertson and Stacy Sheridan.

**Guests Present:** RVFD Fire Chief Todd Jones; RFPD Administrator David Kunz, Allyn Svoboda

**Approval of Agenda:** Tyler Lapp moved to approve the agenda; Gregg Anderson seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:** Gregg Anderson moved to approve the minutes for February 12, 2020 as submitted; Stacy Sheridan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Approval of Financial Report and Accounts Payable:** Gregg Anderson moved to approve the financial report and to pay the bills as presented; seconded by Susan Robertson. Approval was unanimous.

**Administrative Report:**

**Grants (Awarded):**

**CREATE** grant: \$8169.60 in funding through the Colorado Rural Health Center's CREATE grant to help fund the Rico EMT class.

**Rico Center 2020:** \$34,071.06 in funding to support Rescue, Fire and EMS operations, as well as \$2,775 for the 2019 Fourth of July Celebration. The grant has been approved and payment receipt is pending.

**Grants (Pending):**

**FEMA FY 2018 AFG** grant: this is a six-agency grant for dual band radios. Kunz has submitted the information requested by Rick Spencer/Cindy Ramsay of Cortez FD who is submitting the grant.

**2020 EMTS** grant: Kunz is writing a grant to apply for a refurbished CPR compression device ("Lucas") at a 20% match. The refurbished units cost approximately \$10,000. RFPD has passed the financial waiver hearing. Next up is review and recommendation for funding by the SWRETAC and the SEMTAC at the state level. Award notifications are usually made in June.

**2020 VFA** grant: this is a 50/50 match for wildland fire equipment. Equipment proposed for purchase includes wildland packs, shelters and chainsaw accessories; Total project cost is \$2743.61. Grant was submitted 2/15/2020. Grant award notification is scheduled for April.

**Fire Chief Report:**

**Runs:** (2): Ambulance call to a 7 Y.O. male with difficulty breathing; Fire/Rescue call to a single vehicle rollover at MM 53.

**Training:** EMT class students finally have textbooks. Pat Fallon, Jennessa Jameson, and Justin Juarez hope to attend either the S130/190 (wildland fire) component of FF1 or the Fire Academy. WRTP whitewater technician rescue class is coming up in Montezuma County, cost is \$450/head. Looking ahead to August and the Tri-State event in Lewis, there will not be any lodging expense. Rico will host the Montezuma fire chiefs' FF1 class on Mondays and Wednesdays in April. Mondays will conflict with the EMT class, so one of the classes will be held in the Ambulance bay and one in the upstairs classroom.

**Equipment:** No problems reported.

**Old Business:**

**Proposed Expansion of RFPD to unincorporated Dolores County lands:** Gregg Anderson expressed his concern that the proposed District expansion (the smaller version to encompass the West Fork) would bring in \$38k of revenue a

year (existing revenue is approx. 55K) while resulting an additional station to operate and 4-5 times the territory to cover. The Board agreed to table the issue.

**RFPD Fourth of July 2020 schedule:** FOJ is on a Saturday so the events are packed: Parade, Bake Sale, food line, duck race and fireworks will all be scheduled for Saturday, plus the meat will have to go in the ground. The Board agreed to have the OT/Community picnic at the racetrack/ballfield on Sunday. Mary Hagan and Mike Curran will be tapped for field prep.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2020-3: Cancellation of Election and Declaration deeming candidates elected:** All public noticing was done of the open seats, including a one-time insertion in the *Daily Planet*. Three Self-nomination forms were submitted by Board members Lapp, Sheridan and Robertson. As there are not more candidates than seats to be filled, the election will be canceled. Gregg Anderson moved to approve resolution 2020-3; Susan Robertson seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous. Kunz will work on a term limit exemption to appear on the November ballot.

**Discussion: COVID-19:** The COVID virus continues to spread and cases are growing in Colorado. San Miguel County has been extremely proactive in addressing the threat; Montezuma County as well, Dolores County is somewhat behind the curve. RVFD members have been briefed on assessment and transport protocols, as well as necessary PPE for provider safety. Kunz has also shared information with Rico Town manager Kari DiStefano in an effort to publicize what is known about the virus.

**Executive Session: pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(a), C.R.S., concerning the purchase of property:** Tyler Lapp moved to go into executive session pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(a); Susan Robertson seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous. The recording of the session will be retained for 90 days.

**Resolution 2020-4: Concerning the purchase of real property:** After coming out of Executive Session, Stacy Sheridan moved to approve Resolution 2020-4, authorizing RFPD's purchase of lots 15,16 and part of 17, block 2, for a sum not to exceed \$60,000. Susan Robertson seconded the motion. Kunz will get Gregg Anderson a \$1,000 check for the earnest money. Closing may be as early as the end of the month.

The next RFPD meeting will be held April 22<sup>nd</sup> due to spring break. The May meeting will go back to the third Monday (May 18<sup>th</sup>).

A motion to adjourn was made by Stacy Sheridan and seconded by Tyler Lapp at 8:52. Approval was unanimous.

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Meeting Minutes for  
Rico Fire Protection District  
Regular Meeting  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

The regular Rico Fire Protection District Meeting (held via Zoom) was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chairman Tyler Lapp.

**Members Present:** RFPD board members Gregg Anderson, Mary Hagan, Tyler Lapp, Susan Robertson and Stacy Sheridan.

**Guests Present:** RVFD Fire Chief Todd Jones; RFPD Administrator David Kunz, Allyn Svoboda

**Approval of Agenda:** Gregg Anderson moved to approve the agenda; Stacy Sheridan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:** Gregg Anderson moved to approve the minutes for March 11, 2020 as submitted; Tyler Lapp seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Approval of Financial Report and Accounts Payable:** Todd Jones requested an additional check be approved to the Montezuma Fire Chiefs Association for \$500.00. The monies collected help to support the regional Fire fighter 1 classes. Tyler Lapp moved to approve the financial report and to pay the bills as presented, including the additional bill to MFCA; seconded by Susan Robertson. Approval was unanimous.

**Administrative Report:**

**Grants (Awarded):**

**CREATE** grant: \$8169.60 in funding through the Colorado Rural Health Center's CREATE grant to help fund the Rico EMT class.

**Rico Center 2020:** \$34,071.06 in funding to support Rescue, Fire and EMS operations, as well as \$2,775 for the 2019 Fourth of July Celebration. Payment to fulfill the grant has been received and deposited.

**Grants (Pending):**

**FEMA FY 2018 AFG** grant: this is a six-agency grant for dual band radios. Kunz has submitted the information requested by Rick Spencer/Cindy Ramsay of Cortez FD who is submitting the grant.

**2020 EMTS** grant: Kunz is writing a grant to apply for a refurbished CPR compression device ("Lucas") at a 20% match. The refurbished units cost approximately \$10,000. RFPD passed the financial waiver hearing, and the regional review by the SWRETAC has occurred. Next up is the SEMTAC (state level) review. Award notifications are usually made in June.

**2020 VFA** grant: this is a 50/50 match for wildland fire equipment. Equipment proposed for purchase includes wildland packs, shelters and chainsaw accessories; Total project cost is \$2743.61. Grant was submitted 2/15/2020. Grant review is scheduled for 4/22.

Kunz commented that his administration time this month was spent on the Commnet project, the property purchase, general compliance, and preparation for the wildland fire season. Kunz also served as a reviewer for the EMTS grant and registered RFPD for FEMA Public Assistance funds. Kunz also repurposed Rico Center funding for him to work on District Expansion towards his time spent on COVID-19 response, which was almost 1/3 of his hours this month. Gregg Anderson asked if Kunz felt that Rico was getting adequate support from the Town and County. Kunz responded that he and Kari Distefano are in touch and that the County Emergency Manager will be bringing more masks, gowns, and PPE to Rico.

**Fire Chief Report:**

Chief Jones commented that he had attended a workshop in regards to FEMA funding that could pay for facilities.

**Runs:** (4): RFPD responded to (2) vehicle accidents without injuries, a SAR involving a helicopter extraction of an injured skier out of McJunkin Creek, and an out of control burn up the West Fork.

**Training:** Jones commented that once the weather improves that RVFD will begin training outside.

**Equipment:** No problems reported.

**Old Business:**

**RFPD Fourth of July 2020 schedule:** The tentative July 4 schedule is at [ricofire.org](http://ricofire.org). Unknown at this time whether stay-at-home order will be lifted, or if fireworks will be allowed/available. Or if the Ballfield USFS property will be accessible. Todd will hold off on any fireworks order.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2020-4: Concerning the purchase of real property( revision):** Gregg Anderson moved to amend the Resolution to replace the words "Land Title Guarantee Company" to Alpine Title Company", thereby correcting the Resolution. Tyler Lapp seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Chief Jones discussed that he has requested a bid from Brian Lewis for the demolition of the pink house on the property.

The May meeting will go back to the third Monday (May 18<sup>th</sup>), and may either be held at the Firehouse or via Zoom.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tyler Lapp and seconded by Gregg Anderson at 7:49. Approval was unanimous.

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Secretary



Meeting Minutes for  
Rico Fire Protection District  
Regular Meeting  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The regular Rico Fire Protection District Meeting (held via Zoom) was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chairman Tyler Lapp.

**Members Present:** RFPD board members Gregg Anderson, Mary Hagan, Tyler Lapp, Susan Robertson and Stacy Sheridan.

**Guests Present:** RVFD Fire Chief Todd Jones; RFPD Administrator David Kunz, Allyn Svoboda

**Approval of Agenda:** Gregg Anderson moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion of the Gallagher tax issue under new business. Susan Robertson seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:** Stacy Sheridan moved to approve the minutes for April 22, 2020 as submitted; Gregg Anderson seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Approval of Financial Report and Accounts Payable:** Gregg Anderson moved to approve the financial report and to pay the bills as presented; seconded by Susan Robertson. Approval was unanimous. Kunz commented that the Fraley even pay for propane for 2020-21 would come in at \$145/month.

**Administrative Report:**

**Grants (Awarded):**

**CREATE** grant: \$8169.60 in funding through the Colorado Rural Health Center's CREATE grant to help fund the Rico EMT class.

**Rico Center 2020:** \$34,071.06 in funding to support Rescue, Fire and EMS operations, as well as \$2,775 for the 2019 Fourth of July Celebration. Payment to fulfill the grant has been received and deposited.

**Grants (Pending):**

**FEMA FY 2018 AFG** grant: this is a six-agency grant for dual band radios. Kunz has submitted the information requested by Rick Spencer/Cindy Ramsay of Cortez FD who is submitting the grant.

**2020 EMTS** grant: Kunz is writing a grant to apply for a refurbished CPR compression device ("Lucas") at a 20% match. The refurbished units cost approximately \$10,000. RFPD passed the financial waiver hearing, and the regional review by the SWRETAC has occurred. There were no questions about the project at the SEMTAC (state level) review. Award notifications are usually made in June.

**2020 VFA** grant: this is a 50/50 match for wildland fire equipment. Equipment proposed for purchase includes wildland packs, shelters and chainsaw accessories; Total project cost is \$2743.61. Grant was submitted 2/15/2020. Grant review has been delayed.

Landmark has been making inquiries about taking over the lease for the cell phone site, possibly getting the District more money. They also have the ability to provide loans against the lease payments. Kunz will let them know that the District will review all options prior to the lease renewal with Commnet in July of 2023.

**Fire Chief Report(Todd Jones)**

**Runs:** 1 motorist assist near Groundhog Reservoir (delegated to West Fork), one response to a 33 YO male with chest pain.

**Training:** EMT class is close to completion, all other training in-house.

**Equipment:** No problems reported.

**Old Business:**

**RFPD Fourth of July 2020 schedule:** The District agreed to cancel all Department-related Fourth events due to the pandemic, fire danger issues, and because most surrounding agencies have done the same. Chief Jones anticipates that the Fourth will be relatively busy for the Department anyway due to the anticipated number of visitors. Kunz will attend the Town's May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss the FOJ cancellation as well as a potential fire ban for the town. Possible Labor Day cookout/celebration depending on COVID.

**New Business:**

New Property Improvement Plan: Gregg Anderson has not yet been able to come up with a conceptual plan for the property. Brian Lewis' bid for the demolition/removal of the pink house on the property is \$8,000. Montezuma County landfill will need an environmental assessment of the structure to determine that it contains no asbestos.

June meeting will be 6/15, TBD if it will be via Zoom or in-person.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gregg Anderson and seconded by Stacy Sheridan at 7:41. Approval was unanimous.

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Meeting Minutes for  
Rico Fire Protection District  
Regular Meeting  
June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The regular Rico Fire Protection District Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by acting Chairman Gregg Anderson.

**Members Present:** RFPD board members Gregg Anderson, Susan Robertson and Stacy Sheridan. Mary Hagan and Tyler Lapp were out of town/not present.

**Guests Present:** RVFD Fire Chief Todd Jones; RFPD Administrator David Kunz.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Stacy Sheridan moved to approve the minutes for April 22, 2020 as submitted; Susan Robertson seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Approval of Financial Report and Accounts Payable:** Susan Robertson moved to approve the financial report and to pay the bills as presented; seconded by Stacy Sheridan. Approval was unanimous.

**Administrative Report:**

**Grants (Awarded):**

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**2020 VFA** grant: this is a 50/50 match for wildland fire equipment. Equipment proposed for purchase includes wildland packs, shelters and chainsaw accessories; Total project cost is \$2743.61. Grant was submitted 2/15/2020. Grant review has been delayed.

**Fire Chief Report(Todd Jones)**

**Runs:** An ATV accident up Barlow Creek resulted in a helicopter extraction of one 74 YO male patient and an ambulance transport of a 63 YO female; lightning strike started a wildfire at MM 28; tree vs. powerline at MM 30 (turned around en route).

**Training:** EMT class is completed. Wild land fire recertification is pending. All other training in-house.

**Equipment:** No problems reported.

**Old Business:**

**RFPD Fourth of July 2020:** Chief Jones requested \$300 to be used out of the Fourth of July budget line item to pay for a dinner for volunteers on the 4<sup>th</sup>. The Board was in favor. Kunz will check on Women's Club plans for the weekend.

**New Business:**

**New Property Improvement Plan:** Gregg Anderson has not yet been able to come up with a conceptual plan for the property. Brian Lewis' bid for the demolition/removal of the pink house on the property is \$8,000. Montezuma County landfill will need an environmental assessment of the structure to determine that it contains no asbestos. Envirotech rep did a walk through of the house and estimated the asbestos sampling at \$1500, nothing written has been received yet.

**Gallagher Ballot Issue:** Board members reviewed the proposed language to De-Gallegherize RFPD. Comment was to have legal review by the County or independent counsel. Possibly check Telluride's proposal which passed last year. Don't make it any more complicated to understand.

**RFPD Board Term Limit Ballot Issue:** Board members reviewed the proposed language to end term limits for RFPD board members, which should also receive a legal review prior to submission to the County for inclusion on the November ballot.

A motion to adjourn was made by Susan Robertson and seconded by Stacy Sheridan at 7:24. Approval was unanimous.

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