

Meeting Minutes for
Rico Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting April 19th, 2021

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

Members Present: In-person: RFPD Board members Gregg Anderson, Raegan Ellease, Mary Hagan, and Susan Robertson. Stacy Sheridan was absent due to attending a planning commission meeting.

Guests Present: RVFD Fire Chief Todd Jones, RFPD Administrator David Kunz, Allyn Svoboda (via Zoom and later in person)

Approval of Agenda: Susan Robertson moved to approve the agenda as written. Mary Hagan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes: Susan Robertson moved to approve the minutes for March 15th, 2021 as submitted; Raegan Ellease seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Approval of Financial Report and Accounts Payable: Kunz explained that a number of the large bills for his month were for fulfillment of the Rico Center grant. Gregg Anderson asked about the credit at NAPA. Kunz answered that in 2019, both RFPD and the Dolores County Sheriff had paid NAPA for (3) repeater batteries, resulting in a \$600.58 credit to RFPD. Gregg Anderson moved to approve payment for the bills as presented and to accept the financial report; Raegan Ellease seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Administrative Report: Kunz stated that he had spent time getting the Rico Center grant fulfilled this month, most other items would be covered later in the agenda.

Grants (Awarded):

2020 EMTS grant: \$7,196.00 to purchase a refurbished CPR compression device ("Lucas 2") at a 20% match. The unit has been received from AED.US and is on service on the Rico ambulance. Closeout date is 6/30/21.

Rico Center 2021: \$39,185.98 for General Operations and property improvement; \$2775.00 for the 2021 Fourth of July. Payment has been deposited and fulfillment is proceeding. The grant closes out 9/01/21.

DOLA administrative/planning grant: Kunz applied for \$3050.00 in DOLA funds to assist with the surveying of the recently purchased property as well as the rendering of technical drawings by Jones and DeVille. The purchase order is in place.

SIPA Micro-Grant: \$2,000.00 in funding for revision of the RFPD website and migration to the State platform. Payment has been received. Karen Overn will do the migration starting in mid-April and the new website should be live well before the Fourth of July.

Grants (Pending):

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

DOLA resiliency: prior to the meeting, Kunz forwarded an email from Allyn Svoboda in regards to potential backup power for critical buildings (or potentially the whole town) using large modular batteries in shipping containers. The Board agreed that they would continue to look at all options to eventually provide the fire station with backup power.

Commnet has also provided several plans for the transition of the leased cellphone site, as well as additional site plans. Kunz has contacted Commnet/SAC with concerns that the proposed "temporary" power platform (actually a permanent installation to provide backup power) would be located over the line connecting the septic tank to the field. Kunz will contact Commnet/SAC and clarify if a backup generator is a part of the latest site plan (and if so, how it is fueled), and also to request that access for all improvements be made from Argentine Alley.

Fire Chief Report (Administrator David Kunz):

Runs: (1) pageout to smoke at the proposed campground site south of town.

Training: The Firefighter 1 class is proceeding (firefighter Chauncey McCarthy is participating). Graduation will be June 5th in Rico. Chief Jones would like to host a taco bar as the meal for the event, anticipating up to 50 people. (3) RVFD members took the S130/190 wildland fire class in Dolores, (7) completed an online RT130 refresher.

Equipment: No current issues.

Old Business:

New Property Improvement Plan: Gregg Anderson was not able to contact USDA to establish terms for RD funding. Chief Jones expressed that he would like to clean up the Hopgood property and possibly get several loads of roadbase as well as rake and seed it. This item will be continued.

2021 Fourth of July preplan: Chief Jones reports that he has a source for fireworks, pricing would be favorable to the prior vendor. Shells may be rack mounted. The site for the launch has yet to be determined. Mancos, Cortez, and Dove Creek are all going ahead with their FOJ fireworks, unclear if Telluride is or not. Alternative dates for a Rico fireworks show could be Labor Day, Thanksgiving although more limited attendance would hamper fundraising. The Board asked Kunz to contact Rico Town Manager Kari DiStefano in regards to the Rico Town Board's opinion on the Fourth. Chief Jones added that he did not believe that the Fire Department should have to manage the (FOJ) parade. This item will be continued.

New Business: None on the agenda.

Other Business: Bulson Conceptual Subdivision Application – at this time, there is not sufficient detail in the proposal for the Board to comment.

The next regular RFPD Board meeting is scheduled for May 17th, 2021.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gregg Anderson and seconded by Raegan Ellease at 8:29 PM. Approval was unanimous.

Chairman

Secretary