

Meeting Minutes for
Rico Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting: February 20th, 2023

The regular Rico Fire Protection District Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Board Chair Gregg Anderson.

Roll Call: RFPD Board members Gregg Anderson, Raegan Ellease, Stacy Sheridan and Tyler Lapp (remote). Sarah Eckles was absent at the beginning of the meeting.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Stacy Sheridan moved to approve the minutes for the January 16th, 2023 regular meeting; Tyler Lapp seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Approval of Financial Report, Accounts Payable, Pension Checks:

In January, the Board had approved the transfer of \$50,000.00 from the DSB General Fund to the CSAFE Capital Improvement fund due to favorable interest rates. Gregg Anderson proposed to also transfer \$5,000.00 from the DSB Hose Co. account to the CSAFE Capital Improvement account; \$5,500.00 from the CSAFE Pension account to the DSB Pension account to meet 2023 pension payment obligations, and \$1,000.00 from the DSB General Fund to the DSB Debit Card account due to a low balance.

Gregg Anderson moved to approve payment for the bills as presented, to accept the financial report, and to authorize the (3) financial transfers; Tyler Lapp seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Administrative Report: The District received payment for the 2022 CFSDPG grant (\$9,560.00) and the 2023 Rico Center grant (operations request for \$66,226.00, including \$50k in funding for a rescue truck; Fourth of July request for \$2,975.00). The EMTS grant request for \$60,000.00 for the rescue truck was submitted. The quotes for the rescue truck came in about \$30k higher than anticipated; Kunz thinks he can find the money to make up the difference in the next year. Kunz also plans to submit another request for \$11,796.00 of CFSDPG funds for additional bunkers.

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. Closeout: 10/31/22. Reimbursement has been received via Direct deposit. **Closed out.**

Rico Center 2023: application submitted. Operations request for \$66,226.00, including \$50k in funding for a rescue truck; Fourth of July request for \$2,975.00. Closeout 9/1/2023.

Grants (submitted):

CDPHE EMTS grant: \$60,000 towards the light rescue truck. 50/50 match. Award notifications occur at the end of June.

Grants (potential):

CFSDPG 2023: Firefighter life and safety equipment; no match. Due 2/24

Fire Chief Report (Fire Chief Todd Jones):

Runs: 3 calls: potential avalanche burial (none found); welfare check on 88 year old resident of River St. (he was OK); 73 YO fall victim with an arm injury (family transport).

Training: Extrication training for 5 members at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds on March 11th, Montezuma Fire Chiefs' Firefighter 1 class will be held in Rico late March through early April, will include vehicle extrication.

Equipment: Tanker continues to leak from multiple points. Roof vents need shoveling out due to snowfall. South bay heater needs parts for repair.

Board member Sarah Eckles joined the meeting in-person at 7:30.

Old Business:

New Property Improvement Plan: Pending a change in finances, Gregg Anderson proposed that this issue be removed from the agenda.

RFPD Development Review Standards/procedures: The Town will be staying with the existing code.

Light Rescue Truck project: The project as proposed will cost \$190,000: Kunz has applied for \$60,000.00 from the CDPHE's EMTS program. The Rico Center has awarded \$50,000; Kunz will apply to the Telluride Foundation for < \$20,000.00 (Oct. 2023) and San Miguel Power for \$5,000.00. Dolores County has approved \$5,000.00 in their budget for the project. RFPD's contribution to the project would likely be at least \$21,000.00. Fourth of July fundraising surplus will go towards this project.

RFPD Host planning:2024 Tri State Firemans' Association (TSFA): Proposed initial organizational meetings to be held March 7.

RFPD 2023 election: Monday, February 27th is the deadline for interested applicants to submit self-nomination forms for the three seats currently held by Eckles, Lapp and Sheridan. If there are no more applicants than open seats, the election will be canceled.

New Business:

Resolution 2023-2: Resolution for Exemption from Audit. Kunz had emailed out the Exemption from Audit, as prepared by Heidi Trainor, CPA. The Board had no questions or comments. Sarah Eckles moved to approve Resolution 2023-2; Stacy Sheridan seconded. Approval was unanimous.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 20th, 2023.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gregg Anderson and seconded by Sarah Eckles at 8:02 PM. Approval was unanimous.

Chairman

Secretary