

Meeting Minutes for
Rico Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting: October 17th, 2022

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

Roll Call: RFPD Board members Gregg Anderson, Sarah Eckles (via Zoom), Raegan Ellease, Tyler Lapp and Stacy Sheridan.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Tyler Lapp moved to approve the minutes for the September 19th, 2022 regular meeting. Stacy Sheridan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Approval of Financial Report, Accounts Payable and 4th quarter pension checks: Kunz requested payment of an additional bill to LN Curtis for \$9600.00 to pay for fire bunkers, to be reimbursed under the DFSDPG grant. Gregg Anderson moved to approve payment for the bills as presented, additional payment, and to accept the financial report. Stacy Sheridan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Administrative Report: All 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.

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

Grants (potential):

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

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: (5) calls: (3) motor vehicle accidents, (1) with extrication; one bike wreck on Newman Hill.

Training: Pat Fallon went to Fire Academy. Training in-house: draft pump exercise with siamese valves.

Equipment: Oil changes needed on diesel trucks. 923 had a starter issue. Batteries on order for one of the AEDs and the ambulance cot. Digital radios will be reprogrammed once the region can agree on programming. Tanker needs (2) new starting batteries.

Old Business:

New Property Improvement Plan: Continued until next month.

New Business:

RFPD Development Review Standards/procedures: Board members discussed whether it was more appropriate to use the IFC 2018 standards for access or if unique standards need to be developed with respect to Rico's topography. Board members agreed that there must be consistency in the regulations as applied across all projects.

Light Rescue Truck project: Chief Jones explained the need for the proposed truck, which would be F550

4x4 chassis with a 5-passenger cab and boxes. The proposed vehicle would carry extrication gear (currently on Engine 921) and rope rescue equipment (currently on the Suburban/926). Kunz stated that the Dolores Fire truck that Jones is using as a spec has a cost of \$159,000, and that strategies to bring the cost of the truck down could include going with a F-450 or -350 chassis, and using a standard box configuration that is already built. In terms of funding, Kunz has already included a \$50k request to the Rico Center for 2023. Other sources of funding could include the Department of Health's EMTS grant program, the Telluride Foundation, Dolores County, San Miguel Power, and District match.

RFPD 2023 Budget Draft: the Board reviewed the draft budget, planning to make any significant revisions at the November meeting prior to final approval at the December Budget meeting (to be held on December 5th).

RFPD Host planning:2024 Tri State Firemans' Association (TSFA): Chief Jones discussed some preliminary ideas for meal planning and training events. IT is likely that RVFD can use Dolores Fire's canopy, which would significantly decrease the fixed costs of the event. Due to the large budget and the significant volunteer hours needed to put on this event, it will remain on the agenda.

Other Business: The Department will need to plan the Thanksgiving event, scheduled for November 19th at 4 PM.

The next regular RFPD Board meeting is scheduled for November 21st, 2022.

A motion to adjourn was made by Stacy Sheridan and seconded by Raegan Ellease at 8:02 PM. Approval was unanimous.

Chairman

Secretary