

Meeting Minutes for
Rico Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting May 17th, 2021

The regular Rico Fire Protection District Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chairman Gregg Anderson.

Members Present: RFPD Board members Gregg Anderson, Raegan Ellease and Mary Hagan. Stacy Sheridan was absent due to a planned trip; Susan Robertson was ill.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Raegan Ellease moved to approve the minutes for April 19th, 2021 as submitted; Mary Hagan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Approval of Financial Report and Accounts Payable: There were relatively few bills this month. Mary Hagan 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: Most items to be covered under 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 in service on the Rico ambulance. Submission for reimbursement is pending. 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 DeVillie. 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/KO Web designs is moving the website to the new platform. 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.

Fire Chief Report (Chief Todd Jones)

Runs: None.

Training: In-house wildland training, trauma training scheduled for next week.

Equipment: Oil changes for diesels TBD.

Old Business:

New Property Improvement Plan: Raegan Ellease contacted Duane Dale at the USDA. Loans through the USDA Rural Development program are at 2.25% interest and 40 year terms. This would result in a monthly payment of \$1,580 on a \$500k loan (approx.\$19k/year) or \$1,265 monthly payment on a \$400k loan (approx.15k/year). If the District defaulted, the mill levy could be garnished. Other grant sources for the proposed project could include: DOLA, Rico Center, Telluride Foundation, as well as local fundraising and private donors (e.g: "the Mikes"). Kunz will contact Dolores State Bank to establish their loan terms. The Board was in general agreement to proceed with the

J&D schematic drawings. This item will be continued.

2021 Fourth of July preplan: Chief Jones has ordered and received the fireworks, however he stated there was only a “slim chance” they would be set off due to drought conditions. At this time, the long term forecast does not look favorable for increased precipitation. If the USFS imposes fire restrictions, the fireworks show will not occur. The Fire Department does not want to be in charge of the parade. Due to Chief Jones' impending retirement from CDOT, he will no longer have any authority to close the highway. The decision on whether to have the parade therefore rests with the Town. The Rico Town Board next meets on May 19th. Chairman Gregg Anderson will contact Town Manager Kari DiStefano to try to get a decision on the parade. If the parade is scheduled, the Board agreed to proceed with the post-parade food line. Seating would be outside under tents to minimize risk of exposure. The Duck Race would also be scheduled as it is the biggest source of funds for the fireworks. No Old-Timers/Community picnic due to the Fourth being on a Sunday. If the Town approves the parade, the next RFPD meeting will be scheduled for June 7th to accommodate FOJ preparation. This item will be continued.

New Business: None on the agenda.

Other Business: Chief Jones is planning a taco meal for the Firefighter 1 graduation ceremony to be held at the Rico Firehouse on June 5th. He estimates 50-60 people may attend, approximate cost of \$250 for the food.

The next regular RFPD Board meeting is scheduled for June 21st, 2021, unless the Town approves the parade, in which case the next meeting will be June 7th.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gregg Anderson and seconded by Raegan Ellease at 8:13 PM. Approval was unanimous.

Chairman

Secretary