

Meeting Minutes for
Rico Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting: October 18th, 2021

The regular Rico Fire Protection District Meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by Chairman Gregg Anderson.

Members Present: In Person: RFPD Board members Gregg Anderson, Mary Hagan, Susan Robertson (via Zoom) and Stacy Sheridan. Raegan Ellease was in transit and unable to connect.

Guests Present: RFPD Administrator David Kunz, Allyn Svoboda (in attendance by Zoom).

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

Approval of Minutes: Stacy Sheridan moved to approve the minutes as written for the September 20th, 2021 regular meeting; Mary Hagan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Public Comment: Allyn Svoboda commented on PFAS foam products and the resulting cancer exposures. Administrator Kunz commented that the Department was aware of the exposure issues with certain AFFF foams.

Approval of Financial Report and Accounts Payable: Gregg Anderson commented that the Training/Travel budget line item was over-appropriated and that up to \$6,300 of General Fund assets could be transferred into the Capital Improvement fund. There was general agreement that the Board should be prepared to make all 2022 budget decisions at the November 15th meeting.

Susan Robertson moved to approve payment for the bills as presented, and to accept the financial report; Stacy Sheridan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Administrative Report:

Rico Center 2021 and VFA grant 2021 are closed out. Rico Center 2022 grant was submitted.

The One Beacon general insurance/liability policy is being renewed. Terrorism coverage and uninsured motorist coverage will need to be accepted or rejected.

Grants (Awarded):

DOLA administrative/planning grant: \$3,050.00 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. The survey has been completed. R&D has completed the first version of the schematic drawings.

VFA 2021: \$1,629.15 for Wildland Fire equipment and PPE. The grant is closed out, reimbursement is pending.

Grants (Pending):

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

Fire Chief Report: Chief Jones was absent; Kunz gave the Fire Chief report.

Runs: 3 calls: a broken ankle at Priest Gulch; difficulty breathing/possible COVID on Argentine Street; A possible stroke that turned into a cardiac call at Hillside.

Training: Emergency Medical Responder and Wilderness Medicine classes proceeding

Equipment: No additional issues beyond the tanker.

Old Business:

New Property Improvement Plan: Kunz will follow up with Tim Halper of J & D in regards to the draft schematics.

Tanker 924 replacement/refurbishment options: Chief Jones was absent, this item will be continued.

New Business:

RFPD 2022 Budget: Preliminary Draft: The Board reviewed the preliminary draft budget for 2022.

The next regular RFPD Board meeting is scheduled for November 15th, 2021, at the Rico Firehouse; the 2022 budget adoption is scheduled for December 6, 2021.

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

Chairman

Secretary