

Meeting Minutes for
Rico Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting: December 6th, 2021

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

Members Present: RFPD Board members Gregg Anderson, Raegan Ellease, Mary Hagan, Susan Robertson, 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. Mary Hagan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

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

Public Comment: No public comment.

Approval of Financial Report and Accounts Payable: Gregg Anderson commented that the Dolores State Bank Pension account was depleted. Administrator Kunz stated that the projected total for 2022 pension obligations would be \$5,400. Gregg Anderson moved to approve payment for the bills as presented, to accept the financial report, to transfer \$5,600.00 from the CSAFE pension account to the DSB pension account, and to transfer \$50,000.00 from the DSB general account to the CSAFE capital improvement fund. Stacy Sheridan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Administrative Report: Chief Jones and Gregg Anderson will plan to attend the January Town Board meeting to request the transfer of the Firehouse parcel to RFPD.

Grants (Awarded):

DOLA administrative/planning grant: \$3,050.00 in DOLA funds to assist with the surveying of the Hopkins property as well as the rendering of technical drawings by Jones and DeVille. The survey has been completed. R&D has billed for \$4,000 of the \$5,000 cost of the schematic drawings. **Closeout 12/31/21.**

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

Grants (Pending):

Co. Fire Safety and Disease Prevention: Potential 100% funding for sets of Structural Fire PPE. RFPD has successfully applied for this funding in the past for PPE and an extractor. Grant application is due 12/17.

Rico Center 2022: \$30,774.25 requested for Fire Operations; \$2,875 requested for the 2022 Fourth of July.

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

Fire Chief Report (Fire Chief Todd Jones)

Runs: (4) calls for service, all local: (2) shortness of breath calls, (1) poisoning, (1) MVA rollover.

Training: The Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) class is in progress w/ 5 RVFD members. Rico will host Montezuma Fire Chiefs Firefighter 1 class for 6 weeks starting in April 2022: there will be 5 students (none from RVFD) this year. Dunton will host an Avalanche class in January, (3) RFPD personnel will attend.

Equipment: Oil changes for all diesel apparatus. Snowmobiles will also need oil changes.

Old Business:

New Property Improvement Plan: Kunz asked for pre-approval of a pending \$1,000.00 bill from J&D engineering to close out the DOLA administrative grant. Raegan Ellease has identified a number of grant sources that could potentially aid in funding the construction process.

Tanker 924 replacement/refurbishment options: Chief Jones requested that this item be taken off of old business.

Broadband support letter: The District agreed to authorize Board Chair Anderson to sign the letter of support for the broadband project.

RFPD Holiday Party: 6 PM, December 18th.

New Business:

Resolution 2021-2: Adoption of 2022 Budget. Susan Robertson moved to approve Resolution 2021-2, Mary Hagan seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Resolution 2021-3: Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money. Stacy Sheridan moved to approve Resolution 2021-3, Susan Robertson seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Resolution 2021-4: Resolution to Set Mill Levies. Stacy Sheridan moved to approve resolution 2021-4, Raegan Ellease seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Resolution 2021-5: Amending the 2021 Budget. Susan Robertson moved to approve resolution 2021-5, Stacy Sheridan seconded. Approval was unanimous.

2022 Fundraising strategies/work plan: Covered in "New property improvement plan" under old business. 2022 will be an election year: Board members Anderson, Ellease and Hagan's terms will expire.

The next regular RFPD Board meeting is scheduled for January 17th, 2022.

A motion to adjourn was made by Raegan Ellease and seconded by Stacy Sheridan at 7:55 PM. Approval was unanimous.

Chairman

Secretary