

Meeting Minutes for
Rico Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting: November 20^h, 2023

The regular Rico Fire Protection District Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Board Chair Tyler Lapp.

Roll Call: RFPD Board members Gregg Anderson, Sarah Eckles, Raegan Ellease (remote), Tyler Lapp, and Paul Ruud (remote).

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

Approval of Agenda: Gregg Anderson moved to approve the agenda as written; Sarah Eckles seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes: Sarah Eckles moved to approve the minutes for the October 16th meeting; Raegan Ellease seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous., with Gregg Anderson abstaining.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Approval of Financial Report and Accounts Payable:

Kunz stated that there were (2) additional bills: \$500.00 for 2024 dues to the Montezuma Fire Chiefs' Association; \$178.56 to David Kunz for new trailer decking and sealer. Gregg Anderson motioned to approve payment for the bills as presented (plus 2 additional) and to accept the financial report; Sarah Eckles seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Administrative Report: Kunz reported that he wrote a grant to El Pomar and (4) Rico Center grants (see below). The 4 sets of bunkers were received from LN Curtis for the CFSDPG grant. CFSDPG reimbursement payment was received. The RFPD mill levy increase passed, which will be beneficial to the budget.

Grants (awarded):

Rico Center 2023: RFPD has retained \$48,998.25 in RC funds towards the light rescue truck. These funds will need to be accounted for in year-end financials, and will revert to the Rico Center if not spent by February 15th, 2024. Supplemental grant report due: January 15th, 2024.

CDPHE EMTS grant: Request of \$60,000 towards the light rescue truck. Awarded \$44,618.75. The purchase order has been received and RFPD can spend funds from this grant. The first quarterly report has been filed. Closeout: June 30th, 2024.

Grants (submitted):

El Pomar: Kunz submitted a request for \$ 11,973.00(0 match) to the El Pomar Fire fund to pay for hand tools for the new tanker and wildland fire boots for RVFD personnel. Funding decision will be made in December.

Rico Center 2024: (4) requests: \$2,980.00 for food and other expenses for the 2024 Fourth of July; \$21,785.75 for Operations: kitchen remodel funds, equipment, fire hose and fittings, EMS training dummies, training funds; \$19,982.75 for TSFA expenses; \$50,000 for Light Rescue.

Grants (potential):

USDA RD Community Facilities grant: Kunz will apply for funds for the Light Rescue.

Fire Chief Report (Fire Chief Todd Jones):

Runs: RVFD responded to (2) calls for service: a “stroke” at the gas station and a MVA.

Training: In - house

Equipment: The new tanker will require electrical work. Grant requests to El Pomar and the Rico Center will hopefully outfit the new truck. Building: Todd Jones is working on the repair of the waste line going into the septic

tank. He plans to install risers and lid once repairs are complete. Mike Contillo will install a backflow preventer as required by the Town.

Old Business:

Light Rescue Truck project: The projected cost of the vehicle is approximately \$190,000. Currently, the Rico Center has funded \$50,000 and Dolores County has funded \$5,000. The EMTS program will fund \$44,618.75. Additional funding sources could include SMPA, USDA Rural Development Community Development grant.

RFPD Host planning for 2024 Tri State Firemans' Association (TSFA): The event will be held August 1-3 of 2024. Issues to be addressed include: proposed menu, training sessions, accommodations, need for sponsors, raffle prizes, trophies, schwag and general donations. Renting a 50 x 100 tent, plus table and chairs will be a significant cost for the event. Rico Center grant was submitted (see above) to defray some of the cost for the event.

USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant application: Kunz explained that this agenda item will be a placeholder as federal agencies require public noticing and input to agencies applying for Federal funds.

2024 Budget Worksession: due to the mill levy increase, the 2024 budget appears to be in good shape. Raegan Ellese proposed transferring \$50,000 from the DSB General fund into CSAFE Capital improvement in order to take advantage of interest; Paul Ruud seconded. Approval was unanimous.

New Business:

RFPD 2024 Work Plan: ; Ruud stated that he would draft a vehicle replacement schedule for RFPD apparatus.

The Christmas Party will be held December 16th.

The budget approval meeting is scheduled for December 4^h 2023.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gregg Anderson and seconded by Sarah Eckles at 8:09 PM. Approval was unanimous.

Chairman

Secretary