

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

The regular Rico Fire Protection District Meeting was called to order at 7:16 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 December 6th, 2021 regular meeting. Stacy Sheridan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Public Comment: Allyn Svoboda commented on micro-grid resiliency initiatives for public works/public facilities.

Approval of Financial Report and Accounts Payable: Kunz commented that Doug Aiken had donated \$2,500.00 in appreciation of the SAR operation last September in Sulfur Creek. The funds, plus other donations from the RTA (\$1,000.00) and proposed funding from the Rico Center (\$2500.00), will be used to purchase a wheeled gurney. Gregg Anderson 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: Kunz asked the Board if they wanted to buy a year's subscription to Zoom as opposed to paying month-to-month.

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. Reimbursement is pending.

VFA 2021: \$1,629.15 for Wildland Fire equipment and PPE. Reimbursement received, closed out.

Grants (Pending):

Co. Fire Safety and Disease Prevention: Potential 100% funding for sets of Structural Fire PPE: [(4) sets, total of \$9,560.00] RFPD has successfully applied for this funding in the past for PPE and an extractor.

Rico Center 2022: \$32,774.25 requested for Fire Operations; \$1,000.00 for avalanche beacons; \$2,875.00 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: (2) auto accidents, no injuries or transports. One pageout for a SAR in Cahone area that was stood down.

Training: (5) RFPD members completed the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) class. (4) members are taking an Avalanche class in Dunton.

Equipment: Oil changes for all diesel apparatus. Snowmobiles will also need oil changes. Chief Jones wants to sell the old ambulance since it is not being used. Jones is "not searching too hard" for a replacement tanker; he is also considering a crew cab pickup for SAR use. The County reportedly has gotten funding for 4X4's with tracks, one is intended for Rico.

Old Business:

New Property Improvement Plan: The DOLA planning grant has been fulfilled and reimbursement is pending. Kunz will contact Tim Halper in re the cost estimates. Chief Jones and Gregg Anderson will plan to attend the January Town Board meeting to request the transfer of the Firehouse parcel to RFPD so that the District has collateral for a

loan.

Stacy Sheridan stated that she would like the District to develop a replacement schedule for apparatus and capital equipment to assist with long-term budgeting.

New Business:

Resolution 2022-1: Appointment of DEO: 2022 will be an election year: Board members Anderson, Ellease and Hagan's terms will expire. This resolution designates Kunz as the Designated Election Official, and gives him the authority to cancel the election should there be no more candidates than positions to fill. Stacy Sheridan moved to approve Resolution 2022-1; Raegan Ellease seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Appointment of RFPD Officers: As per agreement by the Board, officers shall remain: Anderson as Chair; Sheridan as Secretary; Hagan as Treasurer.

Review/Approval of RFPD by-laws: This review should occur in even-numbered years. The Board asked for this item to be continued until next month.

Other Business: Chief Jones mentioned that the Forest Service is proposing a yearly communications use fee for communications towers. Kunz said he was aware of the issue and will get a letter to the FS. within the comment period. Jim Spratlin (Montezuma Emergency Manager) is the coordinator for the comment letters.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Stacy Sheridan and seconded by Susan Robertson at 8:06 PM. Approval was unanimous.

Chairman

Secretary