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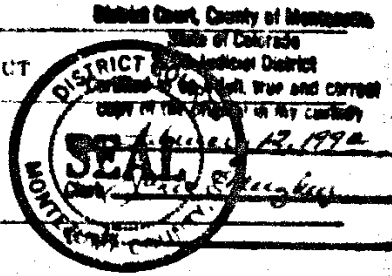
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DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF DOLORES, STATE OF COLORADO

Case No. 91 CV 18

FINDINGS, ORDER AND DECREE CREATING DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF
THE RICO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



THIS MATTER coming on to be heard in open Court upon the Certificate of Election Returns filed by the Election Judges relating to an election held on the 4th day of February, 1992, at which election there was submitted to the qualified electors the matter of the organization of the Rico Fire Protection District in Dolores County, Colorado, and this Court having considered the documentary evidence and being fully advised in the premises, FINDS:

1. That the question of the organization of the Rico Fire Protection District was duly submitted to the qualified electors at an election duly held at the time and place specified in the Order of this Court entered of record on the 11th day of December, 1991.

2. That the required Notice of Election was duly published in compliance with the afore-mentioned Order and in accordance with the requirements of law; that all of the ballots were cast at said election by qualified electors of the District; and that the Judges of Election have duly certified their election returns to this Court as required by law.

3. That the following ballots were cast on the question of organization of the District:

	Votes
For the organization of the Rico Fire Protection District	36
Against the organization of the Rico Fire Protection District	3
Total	39

4. That the following were the results of the election of Directors for the term to expire May, 1998:

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Candidate	Votes
Peter F. Carter	33
Gene Polson	32
Hyron Jones	35

5. That the following were the results of the election of directors for the term to expires May, 1994:

Candidate	Votes
Jim Greene	34
Kristi L. Hughes	33

6. That no person has filed an objection to the formation of the District within the time permitted by law.

7. That all of the provisions of law, and more particularly, all of the requirements of 32-1-301, et seq., and Part 8 of Article 1 of Title 32, CRS, have been completed with, met and performed in the organization of said District.

8. That the signatures appearing on all documents filed herein are genuine.

AND THE COURT BEING FULLY ADVISED IN THIS MATTER, IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. That this Court has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the within action as provided by law.

2. That the District which is the subject matter of the within action has been, and is hereby declared, duly and regularly organized and is named, and shall be known as, Rice Fire Protection District in Dolores County, Colorado.

3. That the District is located within Dolores County, Colorado, and the boundaries of the District are as follows, to-wit:

Township 40 North, Range 11 West, N.M.P.M.
 Section 21: SW/4
 Section 23: SE/4
 Section 26: E/2
 Section 28: W/2
 Section 36: W/2
 Section 35: E/2

Township 39 North, Range 11 West, N.M.P.M.
 Section 1: W/2
 Section 2: E/2

4. That the following are the names of five electors of said District who were elected and are, therefore, designated to serve on the first Board of Directors of the District:

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| Term to expire May, 1996 | Peter T. Carter
Gene Poison
Myron Jones |
| Term to expire May, 1994 | Jim Greene
Kristi L. Hughes |

5. That the District shall be a governmental subdivision of the State of Colorado, and a body corporate with all of the powers of a public or quasi-municipal corporation; that the facilities, services and financial arrangements of the District shall conform as far as practicable to the approved Service Plan and Resolution of Approval of the Board of County Commissioners of Dolores County, Colorado. The approved Service Plan and Resolution required by Part 2 of Article I of Title 32, CRS, previously filed in the within action shall be, and the same hereby is, incorporated by reference in and appended to this Order.

6. That within thirty (30) days after the date hereof, the Clerk of this Court shall transmit to the County Clerk and Recorder of Dolores County, Colorado, and to the County Assessor of said county, true and correct copies of this Findings, Order and Decree Creating District for filing in their offices. A Notice of Organization of the District shall be filed in duplicate and recorded with the County Clerk and Recorder of Dolores County, Colorado, and a certified duplicate copy of said Notice shall be filed with the Division of Local Government of the State of Colorado.

7. That the above-named duly elected and designated Board of Directors of the District and their lawful successors shall hereafter take such steps and proceedings as the needs of the District require.

8. That the District shall have and exercise through its proper officers all of the power and authority conferred upon special districts under and by virtue of the provisions of 32-1-101, and all laws thereunto and all such power and authority as may hereafter be conferred by law.

9. That the Judges' Certificate of Election Returns filed herein is, in all respects, approved and confirmed.

10. That the members of the Board of Directors of the District shall qualify for office and organize said Board in the manner prescribed by the laws of the State of Colorado, and shall file with the Clerk of this Court their Oaths of Office and individual blanket corporate surety bonds at the expense of the

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District in an amount of \$1,000.00 for each Director, with the form of said bonds to be conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of said Directors.

DONE AND SIGNED THIS 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1992.

BY THE COURT:

BY GEORGE S. MERRILL

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE