

Meeting Minutes for
Rico Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting: March 20th, 2023

The regular Rico Fire Protection District Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Board Chair Gregg Anderson.

Roll Call: RFPD Board members Gregg Anderson, Sarah Eckles, Stacy Sheridan and Tyler Lapp. Raegan Ellease was absent due to illness.

Guests Present: RVFD Fire Chief Todd Jones, RFPD Administrator David Kunz; Allyn Svoboda (remote).

Approval of Agenda: Stacy Sheridan 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 February 20th, 2023 regular meeting; Stacy Sheridan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Approval of Financial Report, Accounts Payable, Pension Checks:

Sarah Eckles moved to approve payment for the bills as presented, to accept the financial report, and to pay pension checks; Stacy Sheridan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Administrative Report:

The 2022 Exemption from Audit was submitted to the Office of the State Auditor. All other items on agenda.

Grants (awarded):

Rico Center 2023: Operations request for \$66,226.00, including \$50k in funding for a rescue truck; Fourth of July request for \$2,975.00. Payment has been received, and fulfillment has started. Closeout 9/1/2023.

Grants (submitted):

CDPHE EMTS grant: \$60,000 towards the light rescue truck. Kunz will defend RFPD's grant request and review other regional grants on March 29th. State (SEM-TAC) review is scheduled for May 11th and 12th. Award notifications occur at the end of June.

CFSDPG 2023: Firefighter life and safety equipment; no match. Kunz applied for \$11,796 in funding for (4) new sets of structural fire bunker gear. Award notification in April.

Fire Chief Report (Fire Chief Todd Jones):

Runs: 4 calls: a chimney fire on River St.; traffic accident (no injury); pregnant woman whose water broke (transport to a SWMH intercept); and a response to a mental health issue (no transport).

Training: Montezuma Fire Chiefs' Firefighter 1 class in Rico started early March and will run through early April. 2 cars will be cut up for extrication practice. Sarah Eckles, Benn Vernadakis, Chief Jones and other firefighters have been feeding the students and teaching the class sessions.

Equipment: Roof vents needed shoveling out due to snowfall. West side of FH had no room for snow, Jones and the Town worked to clear the snow out. Main bay heaters need parts for repair.

Old Business:

RFPD Development Review Standards/procedures: The Town will be staying with the existing code.

Light Rescue Truck project: The project as proposed will cost \$190,000: Kunz has applied for \$60,000.00 from the CDPHE's EMTS program. The Rico Center has awarded \$50,000; Kunz will apply to the Telluride Foundation for < \$20,000.00 (Oct. 2023) and San Miguel Power for \$5,000.00. Dolores County has approved \$5,000.00 in their budget for the project. RFPD's contribution to the project would likely be at least \$21,000.00. Fourth of July

fundraising surplus will go towards this project.

RFPD Host planning:2024 Tri State Firemans' Association (TSFA): The initial organizational meeting was held March 7th. Attendees drafted a preliminary list of action items. Committees have yet to be formed.

RFPD 2023 election: As of Monday, February 27th, there were three nomination petitions submitted for the three seats currently held by Eckles, Lapp and Sheridan, submitted by Eckles, Lapp, and Paul Ruud. The election is therefore canceled. The three applicants will take their oaths at the May 15th 2023 regular meeting.

New Business:

2023 Fourth of July event:

Tentative Schedule: Firefighter Appreciation Dinner (Saturday, July 1st); Old Timers' Community Picnic (Sunday, July 2nd); July 4th: Parade/Duck Race/ Fireworks show (weather permitting)

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 17th, 2023.

A motion to adjourn was made by Stacy Sheridan and seconded by Sarah Eckles at 7:23 PM. Approval was unanimous.

Chairman

Secretary