

Ridgway Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting
12 February 2019

Meeting called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Board Member, Eric Dickerson. Also, in attendance were Board Chair, Charles Mueller (by phone), board members, Ned Bosworth, and Paulette Crabb, Cristy Cole (Admin), Katy LaSala (Interim Admin), RVFD Chief, Chris Miller, Carolina King, representing the Ouray County Plaindealer, and Ouray County Resident, Kelli Ryan (both in attendance for the Public Hearing regarding the County Road 5 Property Annexation). Absent from the meeting was board member, David Svenson (excused).

Public Hearing for CR 5 Property Annexation

Five owners of property on the upper portion of County Road 5 have requested to become part of Ridgway Fire Protection District. The district board convened this hearing to discuss the request and to take public comment, which was provided from Kelli Ryan. No decision was made. The decision will be made at the next district board meeting on March 12, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

- MOTION to by Mueller approve bills as presented. SECOND by Dickerson. ALL IN FAVOR.
- MOTION by Dickerson to approve the 12/11/18 minutes as amended. SECOND by Mueller. ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

2019 Budget – Cole reported that the budget had been submitted and all necessary paperwork has been sent to the auditor.

Update on LaSala's Employment for the RFPD and RVFD:

Cole conveyed that the One Year Shadow Program with LaSala will not be completed by June. As such, she will continue to supervise LaSala through the implementation of the 2020 RFPD Budget.

Cole also requested the board to consider putting LaSala on the life and accident & death insurance policies.

- MOTION to approve that LaSala be added to the RFPD Life Insurance Policies with the stipulation that it does not cost the District over \$100 per year. SECOND by Dickerson. APPROVED.

Chief Miller stated that he has a list of several more tasks and responsibilities that LaSala could be doing for the Department. Crabb requested he come to the Board with his list at the March 12, 2019 meeting.

Storage Unit – Crabb inquired to the Chief as to the status of the shelving construction within the Fire Station. Miller replied that the materials are in the process of being ordered.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Miller reported that the Brush 21 truck is getting a new head gasket and maintenance at High Horsepower Diesel in Grand Junction. The cost in repairs and maintenance should total about \$7,000.

Seven RVFD members attended the 2019 Winter Fire School in St. George, UT in January. Based on the education received during one of those classes, he would like to discuss possibly the District purchasing a drone in the near future for the RVFD as it would be a considerable asset in detecting fires that are reported but can't be seen from a motorized vehicle.

There are several upcoming training opportunities for the RVFD members, including the burning of two houses and vehicle extrication.

The National Wildland Interagency Fire Center is donating several engines and trucks to deserving applicants. He is thinking about applying to be gifted some trucks.

NEW BUSINESS

The building's electric bill is considerably higher this month. LaSala has been in contact with the SMPA and Alternative Power Enterprises in trying to diagnose the reason. It is the Board's consensus that we have an electric and gas audit done by Kim Wheeler. LaSala will handle it and report back to the board.

➤ MOTION by Dickerson to Adjourn. Second by Mueller. ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting Adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,
-Katy LaSala