

**Ridgway Fire Protection District**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm by Board Vice-Chair, Ned Bosworth, at the Ridgway Fire Department located at 251 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway Colorado. Also, in attendance were Board Chair Charles Mueller (via phone), Board Members Eric Dickerson, Mary Reinhardt, and Christen Williams, as well as RVFD Chief Chris Miller and RFPD Administrator Katy LaSala.

**FINANCIALS**

**BILLS**

➤ MOTION by Reinhardt to approve bills as presented. SECOND by Williams. ALL IN FAVOR.

**MINUTES**

➤ MOTION by Reinhardt to approve the 1/5/22 minutes as presented. SECOND by Bosworth. ALL IN FAVOR.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**District Restructuring**

Chief Miller stated that he has researched several companies to help create the new RFPD Policies. He believes that we should use RFPD Attorney, Bo Nerlin, to oversee the policies revision. All the Board members agreed with his suggestion. A Policies meeting was set for Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Miller reprised the Board of several RVFD members who attend the required hours of trainings annually but have consistently attended less than 9% of fire calls. He would like to relieve them of their duties as the District spends an exceptional amount of money for the trainings, turnouts, and equipment for these members just to not have them help when the Department needs it. Miller did note that it is within the current RVFD Policies to remove them but warned of possible legal action if doing so. While Williams stated that it is worth having a conversation with our attorney, she and the rest of the Board held a consensus to defer to Chief Miller on any action he desires to take regarding the removal of RVFD members.

Miller would like to create a committee designated to creating a 5-year plan; one that will also include the redistricting of the four fire protection districts and the EMS department of Ouray County. Williams suggested that the committee meet monthly. Dickerson suggested meeting directly after the RFPD meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, roughly around 6:30 pm. All Board members agreed. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> immediately following the RFPD meeting.

Lastly, Chief Miller reported that we have several upcoming wildland fire trainings.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**EMS Lease**

Chief Miller requested that we remove the third bedroom from the OCEMS lease to offer it to instructors, firefighters, etc. when needed. The Board accepted the idea. Chief Miller will speak with OCEMS Chief Paramedic, Kim Mitchell. Mueller will also contact her to discuss details of the proposed changes to the lease.

**2022 Election**

- MOTION by Reinhardt to designate Katy LaSala as the Ridgway Fire Protection District's 2022 Designated Election Official. SECOND by Bosworth. ALL IN FAVOR.

**Gym Equipment Request**

Chief Miller noted that the treadmill in our gym is no longer functioning. It could cost up to \$4,500 to replace it with a refurbished machine and would like to request the District split the cost with the RVFD.

- MOTION by Williams to split the cost of a purchase of a new treadmill with a cap of \$2,200 to be spent by the RFPD. SECOND by Dickerson. ALL IN FAVOR.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- MOTION by Bosworth to Adjourn. Second by Dickerson. ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting Adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Respectively Submitted,  
-Katy LaSala