

Ridgway Fire Protection District
Special Meeting
April 19th, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Board Chair, Charles Mueller, at the Ridgway Volunteer Fire Department located at 251 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway Colorado. Also, in attendance were Vice Chairman Ned Bosworth, Board Members Mary Reinhardt and Christen Williams, RVFD Chief Chris Miller, RFPD Administrator Katy LaSala, and Adam Johnson.

FINANCIALS

- MOTION by Mueller to open a \$150,000 CD account at Citizen's State Bank with funds from the RFPD Alpine Checking account. Mary Reinhardt and Katy LaSala are to be signers on the account. SECOND by Williams. ALL IN FAVOR.

BILLS

- MOTION by Mueller to approve bills as presented. SECOND by Reinhardt. ALL IN FAVOR.

MINUTES

- MOTION by Reinhardt to approve the 3/2/22 minutes as presented. SECOND by Bosworth. ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

District Restructuring Update

Chief Miller had no update to present. Reinhardt inquired into holding a second workshop to discuss the creation of new policies. Chief Miller will organize a date to hold the workshop. No action was taken at this time.

OCEMS Lease Agreement

Chief Miller and OCEMS Chief Kim Mitchell are still discussing letting the RVFD utilize the back bedroom and bathroom in the OCEMS wing. Chief Miller will report back to the board with more information at the next meeting. No action was taken at this time.

Cleaning Services Proposal

- MOTION by Bosworth to contract Mary Reinhardt to clean the living and office areas of the fire station twice monthly, not to exceed 6 hours per month, at an hourly rate of \$30 per hour. SECOND by Mueller. ALL IN FAVOR.

Generator

Chief Miller stated that Cummins gave him a quote in the amount of \$41,000 to repair the generator. The Board suggested he get bids from other businesses. Chief Miller will present other options at the next RFPD board meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Miller reported that we replaced the pump on the new wildland truck (Brush 1210). It still needs a siren and mobile radios to be installed to be "fire ready," but that equipment will be added soon.

Brush 1211 has gone on two wildland assignments in the last month—one in Texas and one to Grand Junction. The truck and crew will be available to go out again soon.

RVFD firefighters were able to control, contain, and extinguish a six-hour grass fire last weekend.

Chief Miller rescheduled the County Road 5 live fire training from the beginning of April to May 7th due to high wind conditions. He also noted that we have several wildland-burn trainings in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS

Admin 1% Subrecipient Indirect Rate Request

LaSala presented a letter to the Board requesting that she receive the 1% de Minimis Subrecipient Indirect Rate in the form of bonuses. This rate is paid to the District by the Department of Public Safety for each wildland assignment invoice the District submits and paid to the District specifically for administrative time put into wildland fire assignments. Williams suggested allowing the payment to be paid to LaSala but would like to have another person shadow and learn the wildland administrative duties she is undertaking so, in the event she is unavailable to complete these tasks, there is someone else available to do so. Chief Miller and LaSala both said they will inquire with other RVFD members to see if anyone would be willing to shadow her. Miller also stated that, in the future, he would like to hire a Wildland Coordinator to take over the responsibilities that LaSala is currently tasked to and, as such, add the 1% de Minimis Subrecipient Indirect Rate into that position's salary.

- MOTION by Reinhardt to approve LaSala's request to be paid the 1% de Minimis Subrecipient Indirect Rate for each RFPD wildland assignment invoice submitted for reimbursement until such time as a suitable Wildland Coordinator position can be found. SECOND by Bosworth. ALL IN FAVOR.

OTHER NON-AGENDA BUSINESS

Exterminator Request

LaSala requested on behalf of OCEMS as well as the RVFD members that the District hire an exterminator to help rid the building of mice. The Board tasked her with hiring an exterminator to perform an initial assessment and treatment of the problem. The Board will readdress the issue based on the exterminator's suggestions.

Mueller Resignation

Charles Mueller relayed that he intends on resigning from the Board at the end of his term in May. Bosworth is also stepping down at the end of his current term and said that "it was a real honor to work with everyone here."

ADJOURNMENT

- MOTION by Mueller to Adjourn. Second by Reinhardt. ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting Adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Respectively Submitted,
-Katy LaSala