

Ridgway Fire Protection District
Special Meeting
May 3, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Board Chair, Christen Williams, at the Ridgway Fire Department located at 251 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. Also, in attendance were Board Members Mary Reinhardt and Jamie Gomez, RFPD Interim Chief Chris Miller, District Administrator Katy LaSala, Legal Counsel Bo Nerlin, and RVFD Officers Bumper Williams and Adam Kunz.

MINUTES

❖ MOTION by Reinhardt to approve the 4/3/23 special meeting minutes as presented. SECOND by Gomez. ALL IN FAVOR.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of New Board Member

As the election preceded the meeting, the new duly elected board member, Jamie Gomez, did not need to be appointed. Rather, Williams administered his oath prior to the meeting. Reinhardt and Williams were also administered their oaths at that time.

Hiring Committee Recommendation for Fire Chief

Williams noted that the Hiring Committee met last week to interview RFPD Fire Chief candidates, and Chris Miller was the only applicant. TFPD Chief Bennett was not able to attend the meeting, and as such, Ouray Fire Department Chief, Adam Kunz, was chosen in his place. Other committee members included OCEMS Chief Paramedic, Kim Mitchell, OC Sheriff, Justing Perry, and Christen Williams. Upon commencement of the interview with Miller, the hiring committee unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed him for the Chief recommendation. Williams also brought the recommendation to the RVFD firefighters at their 5/2/23 meeting, and they voted to endorse Miller as well.

Nerlin presented a draft of the fire chief contract. Per Williams, she and Nerlin will complete any necessary edits to the contract and bring the document to the 5/15/23 meeting to be ratified.

OTHER NON-AGENDA BUSINESS

ServePro Dispute

Miller noted that our insurance representative recommended that we hold off on having Nerlin write ServePro a letter with an offer as our insurance company is going to work directly with ServePro to handle the dispute. Williams suggested that any communication handled with ServePro by RFPD representatives should be documented and sent to LaSala to be put into a folder. All agreed to move forward with her suggestion.

ADJOURNMENT

❖ MOTION by Reinhardt to Adjourn. Second by Gomez. ALL IN FAVOR.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Respectively Submitted,
-Katy LaSala