

Ridgway Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting
July 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm by Board Vice Chair, Pam Kraft, at the Ridgway Fire Department located at 251 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. Also, in attendance were Board Chair (via phone) Christen Williams; Board Members Adam Johnson, Mary Reinhardt, and Jamie Gomez; District Fire Chief Chris Miller; District Administrator Katy LaSala; RFPD Legal Counsel Bo Nerlin; and Ouray Plaindealer Reporter Daniel Schmidt.

MINUTES

❖ MOTION by Reinhardt to approve the 6/19/23 minutes as presented. SECOND by Gomez. ALL IN FAVOR.

FINANCIALS

❖ MOTION by Reinhardt to approve financials as presented. SECOND by Gomez. ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

ServePro Payment Dispute

Nerlin presented a memo, motions, our response, as well as the judge's response regarding the lawsuit that ServePro has filed against the District. ServePro has until 7/27/23 to respond to our motion to dismiss. Our offer is to pay \$14000 less attorney's fees. No action is needed at the moment. Nerlin will inform us if there is a settlement offer in the near future in which we will need to hold a special meeting.

Sick Pay Policy

LaSala requested that the Board create a sick pay policy in order to provide it to the FPPA. The Board decided to wait to create a policy our other policies are created with Lexipol.

Board Policies Discussion

Williams questioned whether the RFPD Board has policies in place. Nerlin reminded the Board that the RFPD adopted the SDA Board Member Manual as our board policies in 2021. He is going to investigate and see if there is anything that we need to add. Kraft doesn't think there is anything we need to add with the exception of making the treasurer a staff member. Gomez disagrees, advocating that we should keep a treasurer on the board as a second set of eyes and having oversight. Gomez thinks of the SDA Board Member Manual as more of a reference guide and believes it would be nice to have board policies as well. Pam suggested that we look at Lexipol's documents and compare. No action was taken as the Board decided to table the discussion to a later date.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Per Chief Miller... RFD fire personnel have attended 57 calls this year, which mostly include car vs. animals and false alarms.

The ladder truck is out-of-service due to a broken carrier bearing. The officer truck is also out-of-service and is currently being repaired getting at Diamond G. Finally, the comm van is out-of-service due to a vapor locking issue and is at Elk Creek Automotive for the necessary repairs. Miller is currently gathering estimates on ladder truck and rescue truck wheel reconfigurations as they are both a safety concern. Kraft noted that, if it is a health safety welfare concern, the District should spend the money to fix it.

Volunteer personnel have been moved into groups under respective captains.

The Appreciation Banquet has been moved to 9/16 this year to move away from winter. National Night out is 8/1. The Pancake Breakfast is 8/12 - 8/13. The Annual Labor Day Dance is 9/3. All are welcome to attend.

Officers are working on cleaning the building including the storage areas. We are also working with Western Wildfire Council to assess District properties. We are still working on getting the Delta Tech Center training facility.

We participated in a hydrant pump training. Chief Miller would like to purchase the \$250,000 training equipment in the future by sharing the cost with Ouray Fire and/or other fire departments.

Chief Miller noted that he will be gone 8/1 through 8/3 and 8/7 through 8/9.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER NON-AGENDA BUSINESS

Air Conditioner Request

LaSala mentioned that the air conditioning in the upstairs common area is not working and needs to be repaired. She also requested to have an estimate done for the implementation of an air conditioning unit in the EMS wing of the building. The Board told LaSala to have the upstairs A/C repaired and get an estimate for the EMS wing.

Carpet Cleaning

Reinhardt also suggested that we have the carpets cleaned, to which the remainder of the board approved. Chief Miller suggested that we have the EMS concrete floors restained in 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting Adjourned until 8/21/23 at 7:00 pm.

Respectively Submitted,
-Katy LaSala