

Ridgway Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting
February 19th, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:02 by Board Chair, Christen Williams, at the Ridgway Fire Department located at 251 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. Also, in attendance were Board Members Jamie Gomez, Terry Schuyler, and Adam Johnson; District Fire Chief Chris Miller; District Administrator Katy LaSala; and RFPD Captain Bumper Williams.

MINUTES

❖ MOTION by Williams to approve the 1/15/24 minutes as amended. SECOND by Johnson. ALL IN FAVOR.

FINANCIALS

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

OLD BUSINESS

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Miller presented a report detailing calls attended in January/February as well as other details and events that happened over the previous month.

Miller stated that he would like to purchase a new Officer quick-response vehicle (QRV) instead of a new brush truck that was previously approved by the Board.

Miller also noted that we will be writing a \$100,000 check for the Draft Commander. LaSala suggested waiting until we receive our upcoming tax revenue payment from Ouray County and assessing our finances before spending such large amounts of money.

❖ MOTION by Johnson to authorize LaSala to transfer up to \$105,000 from the Alpine Bank Savings account into the Alpine Checking account to pay for the Draft Commander.

Miller commented that Tender 1211 is being repaired in Grand Junction. He is still unsure of when the FF1 training will begin as he is waiting for the DFPC to give us the dates. Ned Bosworth has the drawings prepared regarding the training tower except the stairs. Both Bosworth and Nerlin are on the Ridgway USA HOA and are negotiating terms for us. Miller hopes that it will only take one week before the plans can be proposed to the town.

Gomez asked Miller if he is close to completing the Lexipol policies. Miller stated that he is close to halfway through them.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

❖ MOTION by Johnson for Christen Williams to maintain the position of RFPD President. SECOND by Kraft. ALL IN FAVOR.

❖ MOTION by Williams for Jamie Gomez to obtain the position of RFPD Vice President. SECOND by Kraft. ALL IN FAVOR.

❖ MOTION by Christen for Pam Kraft to obtain the position of RFPD Secretary and Treasurer and to be added to both RFPD Citizen's State Bank and Alpine bank accounts. SECOND by Schuyler. ALL IN FAVOR.

Investment Pool Options

Williams tasked Kraft with sending LaSala more specific information to be presented at the 3/18/24 regular meeting.

Ex-Officio Board Member Discussion

- ❖ MOTION by Kraft to accept the Ridgway Fire Protection District attorney's language to be placed into a resolution regarding a volunteer firefighter become an ex-officio member to the Ridgway Fire Protection District board. SECOND by Johnson. ALL IN FAVOR.

OTHER NON-AGENDA BUSINESS

Williams stated that there is a piece of property for sale that she believes may present as a good option for a new fire station. It currently has a building on it and comes with acreage that could be used to house the training tower, to put employee housing, and possibly could be considered a good central location if Ouray County Fire and EMS agencies were to combine in the future. The Board tasked Chief Miller with having that property and the property owned by the RFPD in Ridgway USA appraised. Discussion will continue at the next RFPD meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ MOTION by Gomez to Adjourn. Second by Johnson. ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting Adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Respectively Submitted,
-Katy LaSala