

Ridgway Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting
March 18th, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:04 pm 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, Pam Kraft, and Adam Johnson as well as legal representative Bo Nerlin. Chief Miller and District Administrator Katy LaSala were unable to be present due to a Fire and EMS emergency.

MINUTES

- ❖ MOTION by Schuyler to approve the 2/19/24, 3/4/24, and 3/11/24 minutes as presented. SECOND by Johnson. ALL IN FAVOR.

FINANCIALS

Approval of the financials was pushed to the next regular meeting due to the absence of LaSala and Miller.

Discussion of Major Purchases

Williams noted that Chief Miller and a few officers will be flying out to pick up the Draft Commander in early April. Chief Miller is hoping to pick up the new Officer QRV during that trip as well. Then they can pull the Draft Commander home with the Officer QRV. Nerlin noted that we are coordinating a payoff of the balance owed on the new F550 truck with Ford Motor Credit. We will then cut the seller the remainder of the balance owed. This will all be written in a purchase contract with the seller.

The Board further discussed which accounts to take monies from for the property purchase. It was suggested to take it from one of our CDs, and then reimburse the money later. Furthermore, we have decided to sell our Ridgway USA commercial property, and our realtor has suggested listing it somewhere between \$500,000 and \$750,000.

OLD BUSINESS

Ex-Officio Board Member

- ❖ MOTION by Schuyler to approve the Resolution of the RFPD Amending its Board Compensation with the amendment that the ex-officio board member will be an active RFPD volunteer firefighter that is appointed by members of the fire department and will serve a three-year term with no more than two terms. SECOND by Kraft. ALL IN FAVOR.

Executive Session pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(e) matters subject to negotiation and instructing negotiators regarding the possible acquisition of real property

The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:41 pm.

The Board exited executive session at 6:04 pm.

- ❖ MOTION by Johnson to direct Christen Williams, RFPD Board President, to present an offer to the seller for the terms discussed in executive session. SECOND by Schuyler. ALL IN FAVOR.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Miller was not present to give his report. The Board directed Williams to ask that Chief Miller create his monthly reports as written documents and given to the Administrator to be presented with the meeting packets.

NEW BUSINESS

Website Accessibility

- **Designation of Website Compliance Officer**
- **Website Accessibility Policy**

Discussion of website accessibility was pushed to the next regular meeting due to the absence of LaSala and Miller.

Additional Board Education Opportunities

Williams mentioned that there are several educational opportunities for board members to attend in the near future. Katy has been emailing them out to everyone.

OTHER NON-AGENDA BUSINESS

Schuyler mentioned that he would like to write a grant to DOLA on behalf of San Miguel Power that would provide money to train area firefighters on how to prepare for fires within solar microgrid and their associated batteries. The Board all agreed that that type of training would be very beneficial to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

❖ MOTION by Kraft to Adjourn. Second by Johnson. ALL IN FAVOR.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Respectively Submitted,
-Katy LaSala