

**Ridgway Fire Protection District**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Meeting called to order at 5:03 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 Pam Kraft, and Terry Schuyler; board member applicant Adam Johnson; Legal Counsel Bo Nerlin; and District Administrator Katy LaSala.

**APPOINTMENT AND OATH ADMINISTRATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

- ❖ MOTION by Kraft to appoint Adam Johnson to fill a board member vacancy until the next election in May 2027. SECOND by Schuyler. ALL IN FAVOR.

Adam Johnson was officially sworn in by Legal Counsel Bo Nerlin.

- ❖ MOTION by Kraft to appoint Jamie Gomez to fill a board member vacancy until the next election in May 2027. SECOND by Schuyler. ALL IN FAVOR.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA INCLUDING ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

- ❖ MOTION by Johnson to approve the agenda with the addition of the 2024 Audit under New Business and postponement of the Executive Session. SECOND by Schuyler. ALL IN FAVOR.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ❖ MOTION by Schuyler to approve the minutes of the 5/19/25 regular meeting as presented. SECOND by Kraft. ALL IN FAVOR.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

The board reviewed the June 16, 2025, financial report.

- ❖ MOTION by Kraft to approve the financial report as presented. SECOND by Schuyler. ALL IN FAVOR.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Executive Session – Employee Compensation Discussion**

The executive session and subsequent discussion were moved to the next meeting as Chief Miller was not present.

**Update on RV Site Lease at the District Training and Maintenance Facility**

Per Williams, Chief Miller successfully negotiated the lease agreement, which has now been signed.

**Update on Authority Progress**

Nerlin provided an update on regional fire authority formation efforts. A meeting is scheduled for September 5th for attorneys to review the latest version of the IGA. At the public BOCC meeting held June 24th, reception was generally positive. However, Log Hill Fire representatives remain hesitant. The next steps involve presenting draft bylaws to each agency and then transitioning oversight to a designated committee.

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Miller was not present, as he is currently assisting with local wildfire response. LaSala presented the Chief's report from June in his absence.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Election of RFPD Board Officers**

- ❖ MOTION by Schuyler to appoint Williams as Board President. SECOND by Kraft. ALL IN FAVOR.
- ❖ MOTION by Kraft to appoint Jamie Gomez as Board Vice President upon his approval. SECOND by Schuyler. ALL IN FAVOR.
- ❖ MOTION by Schuyler to appoint Kraft as Board Secretary. SECOND by Johnson. ALL IN FAVOR.

### **Discussion on SMPA Idle Service Meter**

- ❖ MOTION by Kraft to terminate the service on the SMPA idle meter if the reconnection fee is under \$200. If the fee exceeds \$200, the matter will be revisited at the next meeting. SECOND by Schuyler. ALL IN FAVOR.

### **Review and Approval of Shipley Holdings LLC Lease Agreement**

- ❖ MOTION by Kraft to renew a 1-year lease agreement with Shipley Holdings LLC for storage space at 22327 Highway 550 as presented. SECOND by Schuyler. ALL IN FAVOR.

### **Review of 2024 Audit**

- ❖ MOTION by Kraft to approve the audited 2024 Financial Statement Analysis from Blair and Associates. SECOND by Schuyler. ALL IN FAVOR.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Chair Williams noted the intention to schedule a District planning workshop before the end of August or in early September, suggesting a Thursday evening or Saturday morning/afternoon. LaSala will send out an email with proposed dates.

- ❖ MOTION by Kraft to adjourn. SECOND by Schuyler. ALL IN FAVOR.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM until 8/18/25.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

- Katy LaSala