

April 15, 2024

Rocky Ford, Colorado

The Board of Directors of the Rocky Ford Rural Fire Protection District of Otero County, Colorado met at the Rocky Ford Public Safety Building, Rocky Ford, Colorado, on April 15, 2024 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. The following persons were present, namely:

Present were Directors: Herman, Weiss, Simmons, and Garcia. Budget Officer Kelcie Proctor and visitor Josh Fief were also present. Absent from meeting were Director Bond and Chief Gonzales.

Meeting was called to order at 5:06 P.M. at the Rocky Ford Public Safety Building by Director Herman.

The previous meeting minutes from March 18, 2024 were reviewed and approved as written. A motion was made by Director Weiss and seconded by Director Garcia to approve the minutes as written. Motion Passed.

Kelcie then presented the board with the auditing contract from Hancock and Froese. A motion was made by Director Garcia and seconded by Director Weiss to have Director Herman sign the contract allowing Hancock and Froese do the 2023 audit for DOLA. Motion Passed.

The monthly financials were then reviewed. First National Bank money market: \$57,181.94, Community Banks money market: \$103,236.27, Community Banks CD#5736: \$61,635.59, Community Banks CD#1301287: \$52,190.93, and First National Bank checking \$257,127.14. The total percent spent of budget income was 71.49%. A motion was made by director Simmons and seconded by Director Garcia to approve the monthly financials. Motion Passed.

The board then reviewed the monthly bills. Director Garcia requested again that all receipts, invoices, and statements be provided and coded so not only the board knows what the items are for, but for the yearly auditors to know as well. A motion was made by Director Garcia to pay the monthly bills except for the Supply Cache and ROI invoices as it was stated that those were paid with a credit card and it was unsure which or whose credit card was used. Motion was seconded by Director Simmons. Motion Passed.

No new information from Pension board.

No quarterly timeline to report.

Director Herman spoke with the Interim City Manager Stacey Milenski and there is no bad "blood" or issues between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rural Fire District.

No action on mill levy or election.

The website looks good, but Director Garcia asked if the link on the city website had been updated with the new site.

Finding a credit card that doesn't require a board member to be a signer is hard to find. Kelcie will continue researching. The board would like to see Chief Gonzales move forward with applying for a WEX card.

Director Herman spoke with Interim City Manager – Milenski and she agreed with the rural district getting their own internet / network connection. She has no issue with installing the satellite on the building as long as a professional does the install. A motion was made by Director Garcia to move forward with the \$7,500 quote and mobile unit with HomeSync and have the firewall security upgraded. The motion was seconded by Director Weiss. Motion Passed.

Kelcie read the email from Chief Gonzales about his report. The city has not given him access to any fore department equipment: laptop, desktop and backup drive. The router is still under the control of the police department and dispatch. He noted that the lease payment for Engine 3 is due next month. The board decided to wait voting on the copier option to get more detailed information from Chief.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m. Director Weiss made a motion for adjournment and Director Garcia seconded. Motion Passed.

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Secretary Rick Weiss