

February 19, 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 February 19, 2024 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. The following persons were present, namely:

Present were Directors: Herman, Weiss, Garcia, Bond and Simmons. Budget Officer Kelcie Proctor was also present. Absent from meeting was Chief Ray Gonzales.

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. at the Rocky Ford Public Safety Building by Director Herman.

The previous meeting minutes from January 15, 2024 were reviewed and approved as written. A motion was made by Director Bond and seconded by Director Garcia to approve the minutes as written. Motion Passed.

The monthly financials were then reviewed. First National Bank money market: \$57,086.19 , Community Banks money market: \$103,193.85, Community Banks CD#5736: \$61,635.59, Community Banks CD#1301287: \$52,190.93, and First National Bank checking \$233,826.22. The total percent spent of budget income was 76.49%. A motion was made by director Garcia and seconded by Director Simmons to approve the monthly financials. Motion Passed.

The board then reviewed the monthly bills. It was asked that when coding bills they include the apparatus / unit number that the item was purchased for. The board would like further explanation for the Avenza mapping software and the hitch repairs made at Muth Welding. A motion was made by Director Simmons to pay the monthly bills except for the Muth Welding invoice as it did not have an explanation was made out to the City of Rocky Ford. Within that motion he also requested that the monthly bills include more explanation. Motion was seconded by Director Weiss. Motion Passed.

The Pension board will have a meeting March 7<sup>th</sup>. They did receive an actuary report and it shows the State Grand funds of approximately \$6800. The board is looking at possibly increasing the monthly retirement stipend.

No quarterly timeline to report.

No action on mill levy or election.

No website information.

Kelcie will look into credit card options through First National Bank. The board was wondering if a WEX card had been applied for.

The day after the January 15 meeting, Director Herman received a text from Ray saying the radar equipment that was in the F150 command vehicle was donated to Morrison.

No action from the vehicle apparatus committee.

Director Herman spoke with City Manager Shannon Wallace and requested if she could pull all titles the City of Rocky Ford could find for vehicles on a list he provided. He also got a letter from Shannon to approve Director Herman to change over / correct the titles for the command explorers. There have been no conversations with the sheriff, but has heard back from the City of Rocky Ford police chief.

Kelcie noted that the pension payment of \$6496.00 throws the budget off each year causing it to be off \$4.00 and not balancing to zero for the bottom line. A motion was made by Director Weiss to round the yearly pension payment up to \$6500.00 for the balancing of the budget purposes. Director Bond seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. Director Simmons made a motion for adjournment and Director Bond seconded. Motion Passed.

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Secretary Rick Weiss