

January 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 January 15, 2024 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. The following persons were present, namely:

Present were Directors: Herman, Weiss, and Simmons. Chief Ray Gonzales and budget officer Kelcie Proctor were also present. Visitor present was Nick Knapp.

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 December 11, December 21, January 8 were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Weiss and seconded by Director Simmons to approve the minutes as written. Motion Passed.

The monthly financials were then reviewed. First National Bank money market: \$57,036.78 , Community Banks money market: \$103,171.94, Community Banks CD#5736: \$61,635.59, Community Banks CD#1301287: \$52,190.93, and First National Bank checking \$186,285.88. The total percent spent of budget income was not calculated as it was the first month of the budget season. A motion was made by director Simmons and seconded by Director Weiss to approve the monthly financials. Motion Passed.

Director Weiss made a motion to approve and pay the monthly bills that were presented. The motion was seconded by Director Simmons. Motion Passed.

The Pension board will have a meeting and hopefully get to review the actuary report by the end of the first quarter.

No quarterly timeline to report as it is the first month of the year.

Public safety building will be removed from future agendas.

No action on mill levy or election.

Chief is hoping to have the website finished up by February 18 and ready to make public.

The title for the City's Rescue truck that was going to be transferred to the Rural Fire District was thought to be lost. It was found in the vault at the City. Chief Gonzales is not able to act upon any dealings with titles or vehicle documentation as he was removed as approved personnel on all accounts (City and Rural) per the City Manager's removal actions.

Chief Gonzales is looking into credit card options.

Discussion of the missing command vehicle then took place. Director Herman is working on getting in contact with the county sheriff. An email was received by Director Herman from the City police chief requesting the stalker radar in the Ford F150 command vehicle. Director Herman told him that it would have to be discussed at a board meeting on what the district planned to do with it. He also asked the police chief how the investigation was going on the stolen command vehicle and there was no correspondence back.

Authorization letters filed at the County Clerk's office authorizing certain individuals to act upon the rural district were pulled/removed by the City Manager Shannon Wallace. She had no authorization or business acting upon the rural district. Directors Garcia and Herman will investigate it. In the mean time a new

authorization letter needs to be submitted to the clerk. Chief Gonzales then read the new letter authorizing Ray, Seth Yeary and Kelcie to be able to conduct business for the rural district with the county clerk. A motion was made by Director Weiss and seconded by Director Simmons. Motion Passed.

Tanker 6 has a blown hole at the tank fill section. It will take significant repairs as it is rusted and may be rusted into the tank.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m. Director Simmons made a motion for adjournment and Director Weiss seconded. Motion Passed.

Secretary Rick Weiss