

Meeting Minutes for
Rico Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting: May 19th, 2025

The regular Rico Fire Protection District Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Board Chair Tyler Lapp.

Roll Call: RFPD Board members Maria Casanova, Tyler Lapp and Paul Ruud. Sarah Eckles and Gregg Anderson were absent due to travel.

Guests Present: RVFD Fire Chief Todd Jones; RFPD Administrator David Kunz.

Approval of Agenda: Paul Ruud moved to approve the agenda; Maria Casanova seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes: Maria Casanova moved to approve the minutes for the April 21st, 2025 meeting; Tyler Lapp seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Public Comment: No public comment. Internet and cellular service were out.

Oath of office: Maria Casanova took the oath of office; her term runs through May of 2029. Due to Gregg's unexpected travel, the District will meet on June 4th so that Gregg Anderson can take the oath within 30 days of the canceled election.

Approval of Financial Report, Accounts Payable: Kunz presented 2 additional bills: \$34.50 to Region 9 for the EZ Zone commission; \$339.80 to Brand Central for Department patches. Paul Ruud moved to approve the financial report and pay the bills (including additional); Maria Casanova seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Administrative Report: The Exemption from Audit was approved. All other items on agenda.

Grants (awarded):

SMPA Community Focus Grant: Request for \$20,000 for the light rescue truck; awarded \$2,000; an additional \$2,000 was received from Basin Electric. Kunz has notified SMPA contact MartyJo Davis that the Light Rescue may not be fulfilled until 2025.

Rico Center 2025: \$75,000 request for light rescue truck. Awarded. Closeout: September 30.

Grants (applied for):

CDPHE EMTS Grant (FY 2026): request of \$50,467.20 toward the light rescue and radio. Kunz participated in the SEMTAC review but was not highly optimistic on the outcome. Award notifications will be made in June, 2025. Closeout: June 30th, 2026 unless extension is granted.

Grants (potential):

Telluride Foundation FY 2026 (Community): planned request for \$7,000.00 in training funds. Due 9/27/2025.
Telluride Foundation FY 2027 (Capital): planned request for \$35k towards rescue truck. Due date TBD.

Fire Chief Report: (Fire Chief Todd Jones)

Runs: (1) call: MVC w/no injuries.

Training: In-house. Fire Academy has concluded.

Equipment: Ongoing repairs to 928; oil changes TBD; Suburban should get a going over by Chevrolet.

Old Business:

2025 Work Plan: Property transfer to be addressed at 5/21 TOR meeting.

Light Rescue Truck Project: Holding pattern until grant awards (particularly EMTS) are determined. Kunz is still looking at used trucks. Uncertainty due to tariffs, which could influence material and chassis costs. The District will likely make a decision of how to proceed with the project after the EMTS award notification.

2025 Fourth of July: Parade, Duck Race, Food Line and Fireworks show on Friday the 4th. The Department will not host the OT/Community picnic this year, but can provide tents and coolers to the Women's Club if they wish to take it on. Firefighter's dinner on Saturday the 5th.

New Business:

Northland Securities Proposal for Firehouse financing: Due to the internet outage, Troy Brenberg could not be reached. Kunz will reschedule for June.

RFPD Resolution 2025-3: Cancellation of Election and Declaration Deeming Candidates Elected: As 2 candidates presented nominations for 2 seats, the election was canceled, with Gregg Anderson and Maria Casanova's terms running through May of 2029. Paul Ruud moved to approve Resolution 2025-3; Maria Casanova seconded. Approval was unanimous.

The next regular RFPD meeting is scheduled for June 16th; 2025. The Board will meet briefly on June 4th for Anderson to take the oath.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tyler Lapp at 7:45; seconded by Maria Casanova. Approval was unanimous.

Chairman

Secretary