

Meeting Minutes for  
Rico Fire Protection District  
Regular Meeting: April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 Gregg Anderson, Maria Casanova, Sarah Eckles, and Tyler Lapp. Paul Ruud was present remotely. was absent due to travel.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Gregg Anderson suggested that the 2025 Fourth of July be added to New Business. Sarah Eckles moved to approve the amended agenda; Gregg Anderson seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:** Sarah Eckles moved to approve the minutes for the March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting; Maria Casanova seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Approval of Financial Report, Accounts Payable:** Gregg Anderson moved to approve the financial report and pay the bills; Sarah Eckles seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Administrative Report:** All 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. Regional review has occurred, SEMTAC review scheduled for May. Award notifications will be made in June, 2025. Closeout: June 30<sup>th</sup>, 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. See below. Due date TBD.

**Fire Chief Report:** (Fire Chief Todd Jones)

**Runs:** (2) calls: welfare check for a vehicle with a flat tire; rollover w/o injury.

**Training:** Fire Academy last day is tomorrow.

**Equipment:** Ongoing repairs to 928; oil changes TBD; Suburban should get a going over by Chevrolet. All AFFF foam is out of 921. 2 Polaris sleds have been stationed at West Fork; 2 Ski-doo sleds are being fixed by Ray Aspromonte.

**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.

**New Business:**

**Northland Securities Proposal for Firehouse financing:** Kunz was not able to notify Troy Brenberg in time for the meeting. Continued.

**2025 Fourth of July:** FOJ is on a Friday, so everything will be packed into that day. Chief Jones does not want the responsibility/manpower drain of putting on the Old Timers'/Community Picnic after the poor attendance of recent years. Perhaps the Women's Club wants to take it on? Firefighter dinner could be Thursday or Saturday night.

The next regular RFPD meeting is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sarah Eckles at 7:35; seconded by Gregg Anderson. Approval was unanimous.

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Chairman

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Secretary