

Meeting Minutes for  
Rico Fire Protection District  
Regular Meeting: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The regular Rico Fire Protection District Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chair Tyler Lapp.

**Roll Call:** RFPD Board members Gregg Anderson, Maria Casanova, and Tyler Lapp. Sarah Eckles was absent due to a work conflict; Paul Ruud was absent.

**Guests Present:** RVFD Fire Chief Todd Jones, RFPD Administrator David Kunz, Allyn Svoboda.

**Approval of Agenda:** Gregg Anderson moved to approve the agenda as written; Maria Casanova seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:** Maria Casanova moved to approve the minutes for the November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025; Gregg Anderson seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Approval of Financial Report and Accounts Payable:** Gregg Anderson moved to approve the financial report and pay the bills as presented as well as pension checks. Maria Casanova seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Administrative Report (Administrator David Kunz):**

Kunz reported that he had spent most hours working on end-of-year compliance and the budget. Kunz added that he would look into EMTS funds in the 2027 cycle for new radios for first-response vehicles.

**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. Extension of funds has been requested until EOY 2025.

**El Pomar (Wildland fire):** Request for \$5,981.83 for wildland fire equipment; awarded \$5000. Fulfillment started.

**Grants (applied for):**

**Telluride Foundation FY 2026 (Community):** request for \$5,000.00 in training funds. Submitted 9/27/2025. Award notice in "late December".

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

**Runs:** (1) call: EMS to a fall victim in Town.

**Training:** in-house

**Equipment:** Jones reported that (1) 800 mhz. handheld radio had a bad screen and was not repairable. Kunz and Jones will get a count of 800 mhz. mobile radios that could be potentially be purchased under EMTS (@ 50% match). The VHF radio at the water tower will also need upgraded.

**Personnel:** Jones would like more accountability of members attendance on calls and to trainings and events. Jones expressed that members who infrequently attend should not have PPE sized for them and should not attend the TSFA event.

**Old Business:**

**Light Rescue Truck Project:** Down payment of \$75,000 has been made to Outback Fire Apparatus. Kunz has received the \$75,000 Rico Center check and has requested the \$5,000 from Dolores County. The truck may be ready for pickup by mid-January.

**Transfer of Lots to RFPD from Town of Rico:** Anderson has begun the title work with Anneliese Raible at Alpine Title. No title insurance. Work should be completed by early 2026.

**Proposed new Fire Station Construction and Financing:** Thomas Bulk (architect and RVFD member) will work on a revised design for the building. Kunz has sent Bulk digital copies of the Improvement Location Certificate as well as the schematic drawings. Jones would like to change the proposed roof pitch to not shed as much to the North. Jones is also interested in getting an estimate from Cruzan, the contractors who are remodeling/adding onto the Dolores Fire station.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2025-4: Adoption of 2026 Budget:** Gregg Anderson moved to adopt the draft budget dated 12/2/25 as the 2026 RFPD budget; Maria Casanova seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Resolution 2025-5: Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money:** Gregg Anderson moved to approve Resolution 2025-5; Maria Casanova seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Resolution 2025-6: Resolution to Set Mill Levies:** Maria Casanova moved to approve Resolution 2025-6; Gregg Anderson seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Resolution 2025-7: Resolution for Supplemental Budget and Appropriation (2025 Budget):** Maria Casanova moved to approve Resolution 2025-7; Gregg Anderson seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

The next regular RFPD meeting is scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup>; 2026.

A motion to adjourn was made by at 7:42 PM. By Gregg Anderson; seconded by Maria Casanova.

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Chairman

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Secretary