

Meeting Minutes for  
Rico Fire Protection District  
Regular Meeting: January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The regular Rico Fire Protection District Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Tyler Lapp.

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

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Gregg Anderson moved to approve the minutes for the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025; Sarah Eckles seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Approval of Financial Report and Accounts Payable:** Kunz presented (2) additional bills for payment (NAPA for \$84.46 {electrical/vehicle repair}, TSFA for \$170.00 {yearly dues}). Kunz also requested authorization for funds to be transferred from the CSAFE pension account to the DSB pension account to cover 2026 pension obligations.

Gregg Anderson moved to approve the financial report and pay the bills as presented, plus (2) additional, and to transfer \$7800.00 from CSAFE pension account to the DSB pension account; Sarah Eckles seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

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

Kunz reminded the Board that District by-laws are supposed to be reviewed, amended if necessary, and approved at the beginning of even years. This item will be continued to February. Officers should also be appointed in January of each year. Gregg Anderson agreed to remain as Secretary; Sarah Eckles agreed to remain as Treasurer.

**Grants (awarded):**

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

**Telluride Foundation FY 2026 (Community):** request for \$5,000.00 in training funds. This funding may be useful to send RVFD members to the Fire Academy for live fire training.

**Grants (pending applications):**

**CFSDPG:** State grant for firefighter disease prevention. Due 2/13/2026.

**CDPHE EMTS:** Kunz will apply for communications funding to replace/upgrade radios. Preapplication due 1/23/2026; full application due 1/30/2026.

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

**Runs:** (2) vehicle recovery calls.

**Training:** in-house. Engine 922 may leave town for an upcoming memorial service.

**Equipment:** No major issues.

**Old Business:**

**Light Rescue Truck Project:** Down payment of \$75,000 has been made to Outback Fire Apparatus. Vehicle completion is anticipated this month.

**Transfer of Lots to RFPD from Town of Rico:** Gregg Anderson is working out the details in order to accomplish the property transfer with minimum time and cost. According to Attorney Daniel Zemke, referring to the original MOU will eliminate the need for a statutory deed.

**Proposed new Fire Station Construction and Financing:** No revised plans yet from Tom Bulk.

**New Business:**

**2026 Work Plan:**

The application for exemption from audit will be on next month's agenda. Other items on the work plan include the development of a vehicle replacement schedule. Board members and the Chief also discussed the planning and timing of a member appreciation dinner, as well as coordination of at least one yearly District Board and RVFD meeting, possibly by inviting the RFPD board to a monthly potluck on the first Tuesday.

The next regular RFPD meeting is scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

A motion to adjourn was made by at 7:31 PM. By Gregg Anderson; seconded by Sarah Eckles.

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Chairman

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Secretary