



# PUEBLO RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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29912 Highway 50 East—Pueblo, CO 81006

## MINUTES

### JANUARY 26, 2022

#### 1. ATTENDANCE

Ted Hall, Chairman  
Robert Guagliardo, 6:45  
Rich Ikelman, Member  
Mary Macaluso-Ikelman, Treasurer  
Rich Himes, Member, Remote  
Richard Orona, Attorney  
Tomma Parco, Recording Secretary

Chief Mike Furney  
Asst Chief Robert Tracy  
Asst Chief Steve Passig  
Rod DeSiata  
Dan Farve  
Grant Genova

#### 2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at Station No. 2 by Ted Hall, Chairman.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mary Macaluso Ikelman to amend the agenda with the addition of an executive session and additional resolutions; seconded by Rich Ikelman; motion carried 4-0.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-attached

A motion was made Mary Macaluso Ikelman to approve the minutes of December 15; seconded by Rich Ikelman; motion carried 4-0.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT--attached

A motion was made by Rich Ikelman to accept the financial report as submitted; motion seconded by Mary Macaluso-Ikelman; motion carried 4-0.

#### 6. UNION REPORT

Rod DeSiata said the union held the election of officers for 2022 year.

- Travis Kestersen is President
- Rod DeSiata is Secretary.
- Brian Bissonnette is Vice-President

#### 7. COORDINATOR REPORTS - ATTACHED

Ass't Chief Bob Tracy reported we are using the e-Schedule program keeping the hours for training and it is working well.

#### **8. CHIEF'S REPORT – ATTACHED**

- The two applicants in December failed the CPAT tests twice.
- February 5 there are 8 candidates for the part time positions test.
- February 24-25-26 there will be live burn practice, and the other department is bringing their equipment and 10 volunteer fire fighters. This is covered under mutual aid.
- March 5 is the Engineer test.
- Colorado State Health Department will buy the foam back by February 22.
- Chief Furney said Rod DeSiata and Grant Genova covered two serious accidents in one shift. One accident had 2 DOA and 1 Flight for Life.
- Travis Kesterson and Grant Genova volunteered to go to help fight the Boulder/Louisville fire.

The Board recommends that Chief Furney write letters of accommodations for all involved to put in their personnel files for their outstanding handling of both situations.

#### **9. UPDATE ON PUMPER COSTS**

Dan Farve gave the board an update on maintenance issues. Chief Furney said Dan keeps the trucks running. No 732 is back in service. The brush truck (762) had the Tie Rods go out on the front end, Dan repaired the truck, and it is back in service.

Dan presented bids from 4 companies for a new truck. Due to the bids submitted, Dan said the 5 members of the Pumper build committee and the other input from all the firefighters recommends the Toyne truck for \$645,000. Spartan came in at \$752,634; Front Range bid was \$724,000 and Sutphen was \$687,000.

**A motion was made by Rich Ikelman to permit Dan Farve and the Safety Committee (Farve, Furney, DeSiata, Amella, Tracy) to proceed with the purchase of the Toyne truck for \$645,000 with 10% down within 10 days. Seconded by Rich Himes (remote). Motion carried 4-0. NOTE: Robert Guagliardo reviewed all the figures and specs when he arrived at 6:45 p.m. and he was in favor of the Toyne truck, also.**

Dan Farve said there will be about a \$65,000 credit for getting the smaller cab but there will be costs to put equipment on the truck. He said he felt the District could stay within the \$645,000 even with the 5 committee members flying to Iowa for the final specs..

A motion was made by Rich Ikelman to fly the 5 safety committee members to Iowa for the final build specs. The District will pay for the airfare for all five, room for one night, and food allowance “within reason”. Motion seconded by Robert Guagliardo; motion passed 5-0.

Robert Guagliardo recommended that the District needs to put the financing for the remaining cost of the truck out for bid after the District pays for the 10% down.

A motion was made by Robert Guagliardo to post a notice for bids for 10 days for the financing of the balance of the truck. Seconded by Rich Ikelman; motion carried 5-0.

Dan Farve said he talked to Republic First National, and they said they can offer 2.89% financing. Robert Guagliardo suggested we contact SDA also to see what their interest rate would be.

#### **10. UPDATE ON VEHICLE FOR CHIEF**

Dan Farve said the Chief along with the safety committee reviewed the trucks available for the Chief’s vehicle and all were in agreement for the Chevrolet Tahoe, prebuilt.

#### **11. POTENTIAL OPEN HOUSE-**

Tabled

#### **12. MAY ELECTION UPDATE**

Self-Nomination forms are available now at Station #2. Nominations will close on February 25 at 3 p.m.

There are two positions expiring in 2022 (Richard Ikelman’s seat expires for a new three year (till 2025); and Robert Guagliardo’s seat expires for a new three year term (till 2025); One position --John Musso’s position now filled by appointment by Rich Himes until May 2022 but since Musso’s term would have expired in 2023 that is why there is a position for a one-year term expiring in 2023. By law there will always be 3 board positions expiring one election and then the next election 2 board positions expiring.

The election can be cancelled March 1 if no more nominations are received than positions open, otherwise there has to be an election.

In 2023, elected board member terms will go back to four-year terms and then elections for Special Districts will be held every odd year starting in 2023—2023, 2025, 2027,2029, etc.

We will have one polling place at Station No.2. We will have two judges. Tomma Parco will conduct the election as the appointed by resolution.

**13. RESOLUTIONS 1, 2, and 3**

**RESOLUTION 22-02 FINANCIAL PACKAGE for Chief and Assistant Chiefs**

A motion was made by Robert Guagliardo to adopt Resolution 22-01 for the financial package for the Chief and Assistant Chiefs for 2022. Seconded by Rich Ikelman; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 22-01 FOR POSTING NOTICES FOR MEETINGS**

A motion was made by Robert Guagliardo to adopt Resolution 22-02 to post notices for 2022. Seconded by Rich Ikelman; motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 22-03 FOR POSTING NOTICES FOR MEETINGS**

A motion was made by Robert Guagliardo to adopt Resolution 22-03 to post notices for 2022 at Stations 1, 2, 3 and the website. Seconded by Rich Ikelman; motion carried 5-0.

**14. 2022 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND LIST OF FIREFIGHTERS 1/1/2022**

Distributed and posted on the website.

**15. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS Section 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.**

A motion was made by Robert Guagliardo to go into Executive Session for Personnel matters stating. Section 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S. Seconded by Rich Ikelman; motion carried 5-0.

**7:25 in Session**

**8:19 Out of Session**

A motion was made by Robert Guagliardo to give affirmation to the Chief to process with the resignation of Willy Martin. A letter of recommendation should be sent to Willy thanking him for all he has done for the District; seconded by Rich Ikelman; motion carried 5-0.

The Board would like for Asst Chief Passig to proceed with the Wellness program and give a report to the Board in February for a proposed plan.

**16. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Mary Macaluso Ikelman to pay the bills; seconded by Richard Ikelman; motion carried 5-0.

**17. FEBRUARY 23 AGENDA REQUESTS**

1. Old Hire Meeting
2. Truck Update

3. Wellness Program Update

**18. ADJOURNMENT 8:43 p.m.**

A motion was made by Mary Macaluso Ikelman to adjourn; seconded by Richard Ikelman; motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tomma Parco*

Recording Secretary

APPROVED