RIDGE ROAD FIRE DISTRICT
Commission's Monthly Board Minutes
11/18/2024

Present: **Eric Stoerger, Commissioner / Chairman**
Kenneth D. Bowers, Commissioner / Secretary
John Hayes, Commissioner
Dave Messbauer, Commissioner
Tom Richardson Commissioner
Sean McGarry, District Chief
Joe Muniz, Deputy District Chief
Cheryl Garofalo, District Administrator / Deputy District Treasurer
Richard Frisicano, District Treasurer

Absent:

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 6:23 PM by Chairman Stoerger

PUBLIC FORUM
No members of the public were in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman Stoerger led the Pledge

PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

The Board Minutes from October 15th 2024 Public Budget Hearing Minutes were sent, and all updates have been incorporated.
Commissioners Messbauer and Richardson moved that the minutes be approved. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board Minutes from October 15th 2024 Commission Meeting Minutes were sent, and all updates have been incorporated.
Commissioners Richardson and Hayes moved that the minutes be approved. Motion unanimously carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Garofalo presented the Abstracts of both the District and the Stoneridge Project of audited claims for the period up to Nov 18th, 2024 for review and approval for payment. The total claims were $2,838,513.81 for the District and $313,749.14 for the Stoneridge Project. Commissioner Bowers represented the Board at the bill review. Significant payments included ($14,500.00) to Christie Carpets for removal and installation of carpet from the sprinkler break, ($161,800.00) to Depository Trust Company for Principal and interest on Refunding Serial Bonds 2019, ($9,256.50) to Eastern Security Services for balance owed for Access Control System at Ridgeway, ($6,920.64) to Johnson Controls for repair of broken sprinkler pipe, ($6,562.00) to Utica National Insurance for Commercial & Auto Insurance premium installment, ($2,561.880.23) for our Health, Retirement and Life Insurance Plans.

After a short discussion, the Board moved as follows.
Commissioners Bowers and Messbauer moved to approve the abstracts for payment. Motion unanimously carried. {See Attachments A+B}

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report for the month which included the Account balances report as of November 18th, 2024 for a total of $10,592.819, CD Summary as of 11/18/2024, Rick proposed that we reinvest $2,400.00 in the General Fund CD #0773 for 22 days @ current rate. Reinvest General CD #2394 for 28 days and Fund Balance CD # 0781 and StoneRidge Project CD #2416 $5,685,000 for 28 days Profit and Loss Actual vs. Budget – as of November 18th, 2024.

There were no Donations for this month.

After some discussion, the Board moved as follows:
Commissioners Bowers and Richardson moved to accept the Treasurer's investment Strategy for the month. Motion unanimously carried. {See Attachment C}

Commissioners Messbauer and Hayes moved to accept the Treasurer's report for the month. Motion unanimously carried. {See Attachment C}

SECRETARY'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence:

- Travel for Training Report
- District Newsletter for Nov
- RRFD Vehicle Status Report
- District summary report for Nov
- Several updates on the Stoneridge Project
- FF Asenato's retirement announcement
- Thanks from the Kanona Volunteer Fire Company
- 2024-2025 Snow & Ice Agreement
- Congratulations to Capt. Williams for Fire Officer designation
- Note from BC Gebo Calling All Veterans - Get a Free Meal Voucher!
- Note from Chief on updates on Commissioner Richardson
- Note from the Chief on the passing of Greece Ridge Fire Dept Life member and Exempt member Allen Holmes
- Update from the Chief on the busy weekend events
- Several updates from the DC on restoration of HQ from Sprinkler issue

- Update from the Chief on the Tahoe Sale
- Note from Chief on Health plan changes
- Updates from the Chief on past Dept member Bob Diederich
- RRFD November 2024 Financial Report from the Treasurer
- Note from the Chief on Ridgeways Boiler
- Note from the Chief on the E253 Incident in Barnard district
- Note from the Chief on the Car seat MOU
- Note from the Chief on the Halloween activities
- Note from Chief on OFPC's determination that our 2025 training program will meet the minimum standards
- A thank you note from the Chili FD Chief
- Chiefs Agenda

CHIEF'S REPORT

- We have 1 FF out on work related Injuries.
- One Officer out with a Work related injury.
- Update on FF Asenato's Retirement luncheon
- Congratulations to Capt Williams on his Fire Officer designation
- The Chief has asked that the board give him permission to fill the vacant staff BC spot
- The Chief reiterated the great work from our folks on the busy weekend.
- He has the 2025 EAP agreement with Strong he would like to continue
- The Chief updated the board and recommended we move with Jeff's proposal on the medicare changes going forward.

Commissioners Bowers and Messbauer moved to give permission to the Chief to backfill the vacant BC position from our current eligible list. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioners Bowers and Stoerger moved to accept Jeff Nagel's suggestion for the Non Union retirees Medicare Advantage plan. Motion unanimously carried.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

- Stoneridge project update. The sewer lateral is the only holdup at this point.
- Update on E253
- Update on E254
- The Deputy would like to have permission to move forward with the future Tahoe replacement for 2025.
- The Deputy updated the board on the Q250 replacement committee
- The new SCBA filling station update.
- Update on the E253 incident in Barnard's district
- Physicals are completed
- Pancake Breakfast with Santa Dec 21st all are invited.
- "Just Egress" has awarded us a recognition as best Firehouse next month bringing in a food truck Dec 19th.

Motion to go into Executive session to discuss Collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the Civil service law and medical discussion around an employee by Commissioners Bowers and Stoerger at 7:33

Motion to come out of Executive session by Commissioners Bowers and Richardson at 7:42

No decisions were made during executive session

Commissioners Stoerger and Bowers moved to issue the extra pay check this year verses next year. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioners Bowers and Messbauer moved to give the Deputy permission to put a bid in on a new Tahoe not to exceed 56K. Motion unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Bowers received the Travel for Training in Nov / Dec
Motion to approve the training, Commissioner Stoerger, 2nd Commissioner Messbauer, unanimously carried. {See Attachment D}

Commissioner Hayes reported he had visited Bob Diederich and he is enjoying visitors.

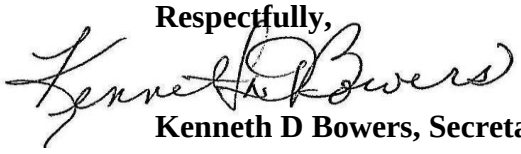
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Next Monthly Board Meeting and Election December 10th @ 6:30pm
- Next County Meeting Nov 21 @ Red Fedele's Brookhouse 6:30pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioners Bowers and Messbauer moved to adjourn at 7:49 Motion carried.

Respectfully,



Kenneth D Bowers, Secretary

Addenda:
To be included as attachments:

- General Abstracts for Sept {See Attachment A + B }
- Nov Financial Report {See Attachment C}
- Travel for training report {See Attachment D}
- RRFD Vehicle Status Report {See Attachment E}
- District summary Report for Sept {See Attachment F}
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To be included in folder with minutes:

- Chief's Agenda