RIDGE ROAD FIRE DISTRICT
Commission's Monthly Board Minutes
8/18/2025

Present: **Kenneth D. Bowers, Commissioner / Secretary / Vice Chairman**
John Hayes, Commissioner
Eric Stoerger, Commissioner

District: **Sean McGarry, District Chief**
Joe Muniz, Deputy District Chief
Cheryl Garofalo, District Administrator / Deputy District Treasurer
Richard Frisicano, District Treasurer

Absent: **Tom Richardson Commissioner / Chairman**
Dave Messbauer, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 6:29 PM by Vice Chairman Bowers

PUBLIC FORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Commissioner Hayes led the Pledge

PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES
The Board Minutes from the July 21st, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes were sent, and all updates have been incorporated.
Commissioners Stoerger 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 August 18th, 2025 for review and approval for payment. The total claims were $995,422.83 for the District and $534,902.13 for the Stoneridge Project. Commissioner Stoerger represented the Board at the bill review. Significant payments included ($18,562.06) to American Express for many items to outfit our new Fire House. ($6,500.00) to Chase Impressions for Deposit on 12 new windows for HQ ($20,105.30) to EV

Warning Systems LLC for the New Tahoe & Outfitting ($692,050.00) to Firematic Supply Co., for New 2025 Pierce Pumper and Final Inspection trip. ($14,361.62) to NYS Ins Fund Worker's Compensation for Premium installment on Workers Comp Policy, ($7,378.00) to Utica National Insurance Group for Commercial and Auto Insurance premium installment, ($192,647.89) for our Health, Retirement and Life Insurance Plans.

For the Stoneridge Project up to August 18th, 2025 for review and approval for payment. Total Claims were $534,902.13.

Question was raised around Items being charged against Stoneridge.

After a short discussion, the Board moved as follows.
Commissioners Stoerger and Hayes moved to approve both abstracts for payment. Motion unanimously carried. {See Attachment A & B}

TREASURER'S REPORT
The Treasurer presented the Financial Report for the month, which included the Account balances report as of August 18th, 2025 for a total of $15,157,417.91, CD Summary as of 8/18/2025,

1) Reinvest $9.4M in General CD 2) Reinvest the balance of the URUA CD, 3) Reinvest the balance of the Bond CD, 4) Reinvest $1.4M StoneRidge CD, all maturing on 9/17/2025.

No Donations for this month.

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

Commissioners Bowers and Hayes moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion unanimously carried. {See Attachment B}

SECRETARY'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence:
- Deputy keeping us updated on the Stoneridge Project
- Note from State Fire Administrator Ok'd our training plan for the year.
- Chief shared a note from RPD Chief thanking our District help with their multiple-alarm fire
- Note from Chief around the Berkshire Drive fire
- Another note from RPD thanking us for the help with the tent city fire.
- Note from Deputy on First Responders day
- Note from the Chief on important updates equipment and the Board Chairman's health

To be included as attachments:
- Travel for Training Report
- District Newsletter
- RRFD Vehicle Status Report
- District summary report
- August Financial Summary from Treasurer Frisicano

To be included in folder with minutes:

- Chief's agenda

CHIEF'S REPORT

- 1 Capt out on a non work related injury back early fall
- 1 FF submitted his intent to retire in 2026
- Bob Floyd's replacement posting closed today.
- Busy Month with Calls

Commissioners Bowers and Hayes moved to go into Executive Session at 6:53 PM for discussions around the discipline of a particular person. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioners Bowers and Stoerger moved to come out of Executive Session at 6:55 PM Motion unanimously carried.

No Decisions were made during the Executive Session

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

- Our Stoneridge project completion date is August 15th.
- Still working on punch list items. Still having weekly meetings
- Looks like Sept 1st to move in
- New 253 has arrived. Firematic is finishing up some minor items. Looks to be going into service at the end of Sept.
- The Current 253 will go into reserve status. Looks like the electrical problem has been fixed.
- Still looking into what needs to be done with the property between the firehouse and our neighbor.

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

- Commissioner Bowers received the Travel for Training in August/Sept

Motion to approve the training, Commissioner Stoerger, 2nd Commissioner Hayes, unanimously carried.

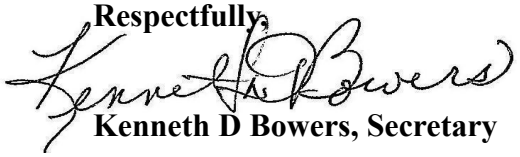
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Next Monthly Board Meeting September 15th @ 6:30pm
- Next County Meeting Sept 18th @ St Paul's Exempts 6.00pm Hayes Stoerger and myself.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioners Bowers and Stoerger moved to adjourn at 7:04 Motion carried.

Respectfully,



Kenneth D Bowers, Secretary

Addenda:
To be included as attachments:

- General Abstracts for August {See Attachment A + B}
- August Financial Report {See Attachment C}
- Travel for training report {See Attachment D}
- RRFD Vehicle Status Report {See Attachment E}
- District Summary Report for August {See Attachment F}
- District Newsletter for August {See Attachment G}

To be included in folder with minutes:

- Chief's Agenda