

**ROCKVILLE/SPRINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**PO Box 159**  
**Springdale, UT 84767**  
**March 28, 2018**

**Roll Call and Call to Order** – Chairman Aton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following members of the Rockville Springdale Fire Protection District were present. Chuck Passek, Randy Aton, and Dan McGuire. Jeff Carlson and Bob Ford participating via electronically. Chief Ballard present and Megan Ewell recording.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda** – Chuck Passek made a motion to approve the agenda. Dan McGuire seconded, and a roll call vote indicated all those present in favor.

**Public Comment**

Shirley Ballard from Rockville – Requested clarification on the Board message that had been sent to all residents. Questions the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph mentions the Board will remain intact until 2019 with the possibility of ending at that time.

Chairman Aton responded the Washington County Commissioners set up the District and ultimately can remove. Shirley Ballard asked what the Board will do to get the power of the District back.

Chairman Aton responded they are going to the towns to request their commitment in assisting in requested additionally funding from the state legislature and possibly hiring a consultant to assist.

Shirley Ballard expressed her opinion that the Board needs to fight to regain control and keep the residents well informed.

Chuck Passek confirmed the Board has their job to do, but it is also up to the community to provide the needed support.

Chairman Aton thanked her for her opinion and wanted to make clear that additionally funding sources will continue to be explored. However, if the residents/businesses want to bring back the local control, they will have to be willing to pay the higher rates if no additional funding can be attained. Further Board discussion regarding funding options already visited and possibilities of upcoming requests.

Shirley Ballard asked where Hurricane Valley Fire will receive their funding to run the RSFPD

Chairman Aton stated the Board will give Hurricane Valley Fire \$788,000 each year to fund operations. Anything additional collected will be put into the RSFPD reserve funds and will not be used by Hurricane Valley Fire.

**A. Action Items - Administrative**

1. Discussion and possible action regarding independent attorney review of County Agreement with Hurricane Valley Fire – Chairman Aton requestd attorney Russ Gallian review the contract and received a response about items he felt needed to be addressed. Jeff Carlson recommended taking the attorney feedback and addressing line by line each item with the County Commissioners and Hurricane Valley Fire (HVF).

Chairman Aton stated a few of the items including:

- Board responsibilities are not clearly stated. The attorney recommends getting in writing the responsibilities and authorities of the RSFPD board.
- Attorney suggested getting in writing a clarification of the \$10,000 approval limit approved in the 2017 resolution regarding budgetary authority. Dan McGuire stated he believes this is a per item limit, not a total. Chuck Passek agreed with Dan McGuire that was the original intent. Bob Ford stated he wants that in writing as well from the Washington County Commissioners and/or clarified in the contract.
- Chairman Aton mentioned the billing in paragraph 2 and would like this item clarified regarding billing/collections.

Chuck Passek would like the county attorney to answer to each of Russ Gallian's concern/question in writing. Dan McGuire stated the interlocal agreements need to be cleaned up as they are too ambiguous and have errors.

**MOTION: Chuck Passek made a motion that Chairman Aton be authorized to contact the Washington County Commissioners and/or county attorney Eric Clark to go over point by point the referenced letter from the board attorney Russ Gallian and receive response in writing, as well as approve Chairman Aton and Russ Gallian to be present at meetings if needed. Dan McGuire seconded, and a roll call vote indicated all those present in favor.**

2. Discussion and possible action on compensation for current staff reduction in force – Chairman Aton stated he had met with Commissioner Dean Cox and agreed that current RSFPD personnel will be given a “reduction of force”. Bob Ford stated he believes the Board needs clarification on the \$10,000 limit before any decision/action can be made regarding compensation. Chuck Passek requested the Board to back to Russ Gallian and request a template of how to proceed and cost estimate

**MOTION: Chuck Passek made a motion to authorize Chairman Aton to speak to Russ Gallian to develop a reduction in force template for the RSFPD. Bob Ford seconded, and a roll call vote indicated all those present in favor.**

Bob Ford stated as soon as clarifications on the above 2 items have been received, he is requesting a special meeting to review. Chairman Aton confirmed and stated once he knew a timeframe from the attorneys and County Commissioners would set a time for additional meeting.

The Board continued discussion regarding possible increases to the community and/or additional funding sources for sustainability.

**Bob Ford excused from meeting at 7:34 p.m.**

3. Discussion and possible action on pursuing state funding for the Fire District – addressed previously. Chuck Passek stated he would like the Board, both Rockville and Springdale town representatives and any other entities willing to go as one group to the state legislature to request additional funding. Chairman Aton suggested hiring a consultant to assist.

**B. Discussion/Information/Non-action items**

1. Fire Chief's Report – Fire and EMS
  - a) Report on fire and ambulance activity since prior Board meeting – 17 total calls since the last meeting. 12 EMS and 5 fire; with 6 transports
  - b) Training update - none
  - c) Other department activities including status of upcoming expenditures and/or revenues - none
2. Chairman's Report – no additional items

**C. Consent Agenda**

1. Applicants for the Fire and Ambulance Service – none at this time
2. Prior month's expenses – no questions
3. Minutes: February 20, 2018 work meeting and February 28, 2018 regular meeting – moved to March meeting

**MOTION: Chuck Passek made a motion to approve the consent agenda except the (2) February meeting minutes. Dan McGuire seconded, and a roll call vote indicated all those present in favor.**

**D. Administrative Non-action items**

1. Standby Fee Accounts Receivable Aging Report – presented no questions
2. Ambulance accounts receivable report – presented no questions
3. February 2018 financial statements – presented no questions
4. General Board discussion – no additional items
5. Identification of issues for future agendas – 3 action items previously addressed in action item A.

**ADJOURN: Dan McGuire made a motion to adjourn. Chuck Passek seconded, and a roll call vote indicated all those present in favor.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.**