

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
RINCON VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON MEETING
HELD January 29, 2025**

A public meeting of the Rincon Valley Fire District Governing Board was convened on **January 29, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.** The following members were Present at the meeting: Chairperson Jennifer Spears, Clerk Kevin McKinley, Member Glen Rodriguez, Member Chris Klasen, and Member Lora Gruner.

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided at the meeting:

1. Call to Order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairperson Jennifer Spears

A. Roll Call –Chairperson Jennifer Spears	Present
Member Chris Klasen	Present
Member Kevin McKinley	Present
Member Glen Rodriguez	Present
Member Lora Gruner	Present

- Fire Chief James Tucker, Assistant Chief Allen Yalen, and Administrative Manager Laura Bucklin attended.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Chairperson Spears led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to the Public

- No response.

4. Unfinished Business

A. 2025-031a - Review, discussion, and possible action for granting a fire code variance to Mt. View Animal Clinic.

- Mountain View Animal Clinic is requesting a variance to the fire code. Last month, the Board asked the Fire Chief to do more research and see if a compromise was available.

Update:

Chief Tucker spoke to Heather Knight on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, and she advised that they would be installing the fire suppression system.

Heather Knight addressed the Board and spoke about the NFPA Fire Code requirements and the high cost of installing a complete sprinkler system immediately.

Chairperson Spears expressed appreciation for the work and research involved and concern for the safety of the community.

Clerk McKinley inquired about hydrants in the area and whether Mt. View can tap into the main water line from Vail Water. Chief Tucker will have to speak to someone at Vail Water to see if they can do so to meet the fire flow code requirement.

Member Gruner stated she is willing to come to a compromise.

Member Rodriguez is also willing to compromise with a variance under certain conditions to meet the fire code.

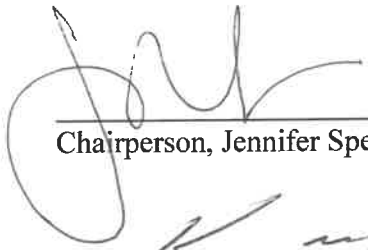
Member Klasen was hesitant to accept a compromise for safety reasons but is willing to do so if the conditions are met.

-Motion by Chairperson Spears, second by Clerk McKinley, to approve the variance with a commercial system on the interior of the building and tie into the existing water main. The motion passed unanimously from 5 to 0.


- 5. ADJOURNMENT** - Motion by Member Gruner, second by Chairperson Spears, to adjourn. Motion passed 5 to 0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Dated this 3rd day of February 2025.

Rincon Valley Fire District Governing Board



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