

RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2019 @6 PM

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL

Joan Rosecrans, President; Robin Whittington, Vice-President; Caryn Hughes, Treasurer; Fred Ballard, Director; Nancy Kay; Secretary and Gerry Wagner, Fire Chief

APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2019

Fred made a motion to accept the Minutes, Caryn 2nd, all approved

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1st National bank (checking) \$ 97,304.48 Cert. of Deposit \$50,000.00 Colo. Trust \$53,339.71 Total of \$200,644.19

Joan asked why the amounts from AirLink was so big at \$2,376.60(237 new memberships X \$10.00 each?), Caryn called them to ask. Because it was previously earned money. Joan had signed up to be the independent sales representative for the Fire Department. Because back east, they have many emergency helicopter services to choose from, so AirLink sending us money looks like they are bribing us to use their service exclusively. According to Gerry & Joan they can't send it directly to the Fire Department, so they need an independent sales representative.

Caryn mentioned the Cert. of Deposit is due to mature the end of April, so she will have to do something with it within 10 days. Gerry doesn't need this \$50,00.00 in the near future, so Caryn will roll the CD into the checking account then into the Colorado Trust account.

Nancy asked about why the County Treasurer's Fees (\$1,076.13) are listed under expenses as a deposit? Caryn asked Colton Frady our accountant at Blackmtntax formally Dye & Whitcomb. His answer: *The county treasurer fee is a direct deduction from the deposit, so it is reported with the deposit. This is done so that we can see the gross amount of the deposit and follow it to the net amount that actually is deposited in the bank account.*

Gerry explained about the high maintenance bill this month for the vehicles, for Tender 1 alone was close to \$5,000.00. The engine was pulled out, seals, hoses, belts, gaskets, O-rings, etc. it was an opportune time to replace these items.

Robin Whittington made a motion to approve the financials, Fred 2nd, all approved.

CHIEF'S REPORT

We had four medical calls in March. This brings us to 20 for the first quarter compared to 18 last year.

Evin Rau (part-time RF, full time CL) has passed his National EMT test and can now respond as an EMT-Basic.

Dan Alarcon is doing well at Front Range Community College with his EMT classes and will hopefully be an EMT in a couple months. He expressed an interest in being assistant chief.

Having the firefighters & EMTs assigned to cleaning the meeting room and bathrooms seems to be working out well.

The first of next April 2020 Gerry will have accrued 14 years and is planning to retire as chief.

OLD BUSINESS

a) RFLFD Supporters update

Robin Whittington (our liaison with the Supporters) brought financial statement from the Supporters. They don't know how many letters were sent out or what the response was to the letters. The statements aren't clear. It looks like they have a total of \$20,321.91 in their checking account.

b) Grant Opportunities and updates

Caryn received a letter for one of the two grants Bobby Hill applied for at the beginning of this year. The grant for the Fire fighter safety & disease prevention, we were rejected. We haven't heard back about the other grant. (one was Wildland gear and the other was for a multi-gas detector)

NEW BUSINESS

a) VFIS-WE upped our property insurance, and the increase of runs, an increase of volunteers, our annual insurance rate went up \$606.00. Last years annual expense was \$11,539.00 this year \$12,145.00. Our quarterly bills will be \$3,037.00. We are still waiting for Gerry to estimate the price of the generator and get the generator's building measurements to add to our insurance.

b) Gutters – This year we are again hoping to find a commercial gutter company in Northern Colorado or Southern Wyoming to fix our broken gutters. Our gutters are 7 inches deep which most businesses don't have the equipment to fix.

c) FPPA-Caryn talked to Kim at FPPA, Kim thinks we have a generous pension plan, with a 2-tier plan. We have the first tier at the ten-year mark, then the second tier is the ability for the fire fighters to accrue more by going beyond the ten-year mark. Caryn & Kim looked at other pension plans in Colorado, and some places have a maximum amount that can be earned, such as \$350.00 a month. What we will have do is to project out for years, even decades to be able to pay for the pension plan. Gerry & Bobby are working on the revision of the By-Laws to give Fire fighters a clear picture of what is to be expected to be qualified to be in the pension plan. Gerry will continue working on gathering questions or comments for this fall, when we can discuss this again. Kim really doesn't really want to come up here.

d) Poudre Fire Authority is coming up in early May to do a demonstration to the school and asked for RF fire fighters to help with the demonstration. Gerry said it's a small house to show where fires usually start.

Adjournment

Nancy made a motion to adjourn, Caryn 2nd, all approved. We adjourned at 7:25 pm

Respectively submitted by,

Nancy Kay