

**RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY JULY 11, 2023, HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order: 6:05 pm

Roll Call/Introductions: Darla Moxon (by Zoom) was introduced to everyone present.

Present: Rebecca Ekart, Vice-President; Caryn Hughes, Treasurer; Nancy Kay, Secretary
Brenden (Bobby) Hill, RFL Fire Chief; Gerry Wagner, FF & President of Firehouse
Supporters (501c3)
Dan Defibaugh, President; was absent with notice.

Review/Approve Minutes: Caryn made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 13, 2023, Nancy 2nd, all approved.

Financial Reports: Caryn went over the Financial Report with us.

The report as of June 30, 2023. Our checking account is \$147,809.30 and our savings account is \$265,120.15.

The income for the month of June was \$28,598.62, mainly from taxes. Our total expenses for June were \$7,453.27. Administrative expenses were \$5,467.95, the usual, Insurance, county fees, accounting, and utilities. Operating expenses \$648.42 for vehicles and Capital Outlay was \$1,336.90 four sets of Wildland PPE (Personal Protective Equipment).

Nancy made a motion to accept the Financial Report as received, Caryn 2nd, all approved.

Chief's Reports: Bobby discussed what the Fire Department did this past month. For June we had 16 calls, 14 medical and 2 fire related calls. Year to date, including today, we have had a total of 68 calls.

We are over budget on Wildland PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) because we have new fire department members we need to equip. We finally received our SCBA bottles and packs that Bobby ordered last year. We were sent the wrong ones and had to return them and wait for these. This equipment was bought with a grant for Colorado volunteer fire departments, the same grant will be available again soon, Bobby will watch for it. Bobby and Rebecca will write up the grant again this year for bunker gear and 3 new packs and 6 bottles for the SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for the new recruits.

Tender 1, the 2 intake valves were not working properly, to repair them would have cost \$1,900.00 each and to buy new ones cost \$1,800.00 each, we bought new ones. They are ordered but haven't come in yet. The Tender is still operational, the faulty intake valves, just prevents us from drafting from the lake (sucking water from the lake) to fill it, we can fill it by dumping water in the top of the tank. We do have 2 other Tenders.

Engine 1, our primary Engine for structure firefighting, the transmission module (computer issue) stopped working, this was fixed by Ben's Diesel, the bill should be arriving soon. When this happens, Bobby contacts the neighboring fire departments, to let them know one of our pieces of apparatus is down, which changes the way we respond to calls.

Squad 2, which will be our new \$100,000.00 vehicle in our budget for this year, we are working on what we need to order for the cab and chassis and the box we are going to put on it. We will be ordering it soon, it will probably be a Fall/Winter building project.

Bobby asked Janice Weixelman to be RFL's PIO (Public Information Officer), when the county sends information out we will copy & Paste to Nextdoor Neighborhood, or if we have information needing to go out, Janice will take care of that.

The drone, we have used it for a couple of emergencies already. During the fireworks, Bobby used it for smoke investigation. And we used it to help locate the lost dog Chaco, over the 4th of July weekend.

Bobby spent about 8 hours using the drone searching for the dog.

The side-by-side is set up for summer with the water tank and hose on it. We noticed the last two years when we use it with the water on it, that it rides low. Last year we did a raising kit on it, which worked a little, but not enough. This year we are going to try stiffer rear shocks, we are guesstimating that it will cost about \$1,000.00 to buy the parts and we can install it ourselves.

Rachel Fleecs is now an EMT, we paid for her transition course from nurse to EMT. She is now a full-fledged state certified EMT.

Mike Clark, he has been with us for a year, and is planning to start an EMT class in the next two weeks, this will take about 6 months to complete.

Doug Race resigned from RFL as an EMT.

4th of July weekend we ran only 3 medical calls.

Bobby said the route of the parade needs to be changed, because it loops us back onto 67J and it is a gridlock.

The Firefighters and Sherriff's deputies say thank you to the Supporters for the good food they provided before the fireworks.

Bobby said the firefighters were thankful for the good weather, with showers before the fireworks and then after.

The training we did this month was "low angle rescue" so we know how to do our ropes and knots and pull people up the hill or lower people down to patients. We did the combined training with Crystal Lakes.

A couple days ago someone contacted the fire department through the website, that his vehicle was hit during the parade. Bobby has been in communication with the person, to help him try to identify which truck, so far they can't determine whose truck it was.

Supporter's Reports: Gerry went over the Supporter's activities for the last month. We started off the first of June with \$72,488.40 we brought in check donations of \$1,300.00 and PayPal \$1,893.00. We paid \$14.95 to WIX for the domain name. We spent \$390.91 for the 4th of July weekend, on food and dispenser towels. We did spend \$1,540.95 on 3 structure helmets and 4 badges; Bobby still needs to order another helmet. This past month we spent a total of 1,946.81, we ended the month at \$71,860.52.

We are going to meet tomorrow at 3pm and see who can show up. It's been difficult finding a time that works for everyone. Gerry plans to order 24 small American flags (6X8) for the mirrors and 2 large flags (\$75.00) for outside the fire barn. Bobby asked the Supporters for a pressure washer; it's \$3,020.00 Gerry is looking around at them. Gerry realized we only had one stop and one slow sign, when we should have at least four. Gerry can get 4-18-inch signs for about \$100.00. Gerry is going to investigate runners to put over the grates in the floor of the Firetruck bays during the craft fairs, the rugs are wearing out and curling up at the edges. Bobby also asked if Gerry would bring to the Supporter's board tomorrow, paying for the suspension for the side-by-side. Gerry asked if anyone had any good ideas for a design for this year's Fire day's T-shirts. *Firehouse Supporter's Board of Directors consist of: Gerry Wagner, President; Dan Defibaugh, Vice-President; John Grose, Sue Stevens & Bob Getz. If anyone would like to join the board, they would be welcome.*

OLD BUSINESS

Microgrid/generator

Nancy brought up thinking about adding a new generator to next years budget, since the generator we have now is unable to adequately maintain the electric heaters in the truck bays and charge the Tesla battery for the Microgrid in the winter. Gerry says this is a fuel problem not an engine problem. Our generator is an 8-cylinder engine, 135 kw commercial generator. The line coming from the propane tank is a 1-inch line to a ¼ inch for the evaporator, the evaporator can't turn the propane from a liquid to a gas fast enough, this is the biggest evaporator they make. Generac couldn't help us, after spending thousands of dollars; we are now using Collins Control out of Ft. Collins.

FPPA

We haven't heard back from FPPA.

SDA Annual Regional Workshop

Nancy has SDA manuals for Rebecca and Darla, they only handed out 2 additional manuals at the meeting. They said they would mail 2 manuals to each district, Caryn should get those for the August board meeting, for her and Dan. The SDA website has the PDF manual, which can be downloaded.

NEW BUSINESS

4th of July Fireworks & celebrations

Caryn thanked Bobby, Gerry and all the Fire Department and Supporter's Board! Caryn said she couldn't have done it without all of you! It was a good 100 year celebration!

Vote Darla Moxon to the Board of Directors

Nancy made a motion to vote Darla Moxon onto the Fire Board, Caryn 2nd the motion, all approved.

Grading & Materials for Firehouse Lane

Caryn had John Krakel grade Firehouse Lane. He said there is no material left on the road to grade, he suggested adding recycled asphalt, 25 ton is \$1,200.00. This is Firehouse Lane only, not main street, so the cost would be covered by the POA, the Library and the Fire Department. Caryn mentioned she is not happy with recycled asphalt, but that is what John Krakel recommended. Bobby said he liked the red dirt the county used on 73C. Caryn will check that out.

Darla's Oath of Office

We need to do the Oath of Office within 30 days of the nomination, August 8 is within the 30 days from today. Then Dan can be here to be a part of the Oath ceremony and Darla can be at the fire barn for an in-person Oath. Nancy will have the Oath printed out and ready for her on August 8, 2023.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes) – This will be added to the agenda each month. According to the SDA's Law Firm (Collins, Cole, Flynn, Winn, Ulmer) Include a "Public Comments" agenda item.

-We should make a resolution for guest speakers, to limit the time speaking to 3 minutes.

-Policy to delete our emails every 60 days.

-Review Fire board By-Laws

Caryn is interested in going to the 2023 SDA Annual Conference, September 12 – 14 at Keystone.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:30 pm

Next meeting August 8, 2023