

RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 10, 2023 at 6 PM HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES

Meeting called to order: 6:04 PM

Roll call/ Introductions: Board members present: Dan Defibaugh, President; Patrick Grissom, Vice-President; Caryn Hughes, Treasurer; Rebecca Ekart, Director; Nancy Kay, Secretary
Present: Brenden (Bobby) Hill, RFL Fire Chief; Gerry Wagner, Fire Fighter & President of the RFL Firehouse supporters (501c3)

Review/Approve of Minutes: Caryn made a motion to approve the Minutes from the December 13th Board meeting, Rebecca 2nd the motion. All approved.

Financial Report: Caryn went over the financial report with us. As of December 31, 2022, In the First National Bank account we have \$62,157.89 and in our Colorado Trust account we have \$258,722.40 for a total of \$320,880.29. Our income for Dec. 2022 was \$6,150.68; Larimer County taxes were \$3,707.67, a donation of \$1500.00 from Country Wide Insurance and interest earned \$943.01.

Our expenses for Dec.2022 were Administration \$10,329.15, Operating \$4,492.20 and Capital Outlay \$1,427.06 for a total expense of \$16,248.41.

Nancy made a motion to accept the financial report as received, Patrick 2nd the motion. All approved.

Chief's Report: Bobby shared the Chief's report with us. For the year of 2022 we ran a total of 140 calls. The most we have run in a year. Bobby can't break down the fire vs. medical because he didn't receive the spread sheet. Tender 2, has been at Ben's Diesel having the transfer case worked on. The Supporter's paid for the work \$7,454.49 and we paid for the towing to the shop, Caryn submitted it to our insurance company \$764.00. Gerry brought Tender 2 back home to the mountain.

Med 1 is out of service; it is in Fort Collins getting worked on. We do have Med 2, which also has a pram, which we can use.

The state grant we were awarded last year; we have received the gloves, hoods.

Bobby had received information for a fire mitigation grant, that individual homeowners can apply for; he forwarded to all of us and Patrick posted it on Nextdoor Neighborhood. Patrick said he got five likes and two comments.

Bobby found a set of Extraction equipment; the good news is we budgeted \$40,000 for extrication equipment and he found a set, one year old from the company, used as a demonstration piece with warranties', for \$26,597.00. We should be getting it February 11th. It comes with everything needed for it.

Bobby has been working with the State, to get all our vehicles registered for reimbursement purposes. During the Cameron Peak fire none of our vehicles or even the other Volunteer Fire Departments had their vehicles registered with the State, so we were unable to be reimbursed for using our vehicles on any fires we assisted the State with. This should be completed within the next month. Just as an example, the use of a tender for one day is \$1,500.00. During the Cameron Peak Fire, the Forest Service used our Tender 70 days.

Bobby has registered as Fire Chief with a State communications app. Going forward, when there is a big fire in the State, all the Fire Chief's will be notified of the fire and will be asked if they can send any help.

Bobby just renewed a mutual aid agreement with the other mountain fire departments (Crystal Lakes, RFL, Glacier View Meadows, Livermore, Poudre Canyon) Rist Canyon has also been invited to join, they just have not heard back from Rist Canyon. The Chiefs will be meeting together every other Wednesday. It basically says, we will help each other if we are available. This is a different agreement than what we have with Crystal Lakes; with CL we have an automatic aid agreement. When a medical call is in CL we respond, as CL EMS responds to medical calls in RFL.

Last month's training was SCBAs.

We will be sending two of our EMTs to a tactical EMS/EMT training in Durango, Dan Alarcon (RFL Assistant Fire Chief) and Jan (head of RFL/CL EMS). They will then train the rest of our departments (RFL & CL). We have 8 EMTs/20 Volunteers.

Tender 3 is not being utilized, it is a secondary use vehicle. Tender 1 has a small leak, Gerry is planning to have he and Allan Heath take Tender 1 down to pick up the Ambulance and have the leak fixed on Tender 1 at that time. Tender 2 has been back on the mountain from Ben's Diesel. Gerry wants to have all three Tenders (water tankers) in top shape back on the mountain, before pulling the water pump in Ramona Lake. This job will entail the dive team and the use of Ryan Zigray's excavator to lift the pump out of the water, weighing 300+ pounds. Then Gerry or another Fire Fighter will drive the pump (that is working at half capacity 400 gal. vs. 800 gal./minute) down for repair, saving the fire department \$1,050.00 on top of a \$6,000.00 repair bill.

Caryn and Bobby will get together to go over the FPPA roster.

Supporter's Report:

Gerry is informing us on the Firehouse Supporter's business (our 501c3). Gerry sent out solicitations letters at the end of November early December 2022. He has received 100 checks for \$19,900.00 and received 29 PayPal payments for \$3,778.63, so this campaign has produced \$23,768.63 as of today.

The Supporters paid to Ben's Diesel for Tender 2 \$7,454.49, they said they were fortunate to find parts to fix it, because the rebuilt for that truck's transfer case is \$16,000.

As of this morning we have in the First National Bank account \$55,655.07 and \$19,678.97 in the PayPal account. For a total of \$75,334.04.

OLD BUSINESS

Microgrid/generator

January 18, Collin's Control will be coming up to work on the generator, they are going to change out the block heater and they may replumb it. They said it was plumbed like that from the manufacturer, but when Patrick sent the Minnesota manufacturer pictures, the manufacturer says it is not plumbed correctly. It should circulate instead of dead heading. The heat is by conduction (osmosis). It doesn't circulate hot water through the vaporizer.

DEO (Designated Election Official)

Doug Race will be our DEO as well as, DEO for CL fire department.

SMG (State Matching Grant)

Nancy had applied for this, it has been accepted and the State of Colorado will send a check for \$7,176.00 Directly to FPPA (Fire Police Pension Association) for RFL FPD's account. Our combined contribution to FPPA for 2022 is \$37,176.00.

2023 Budget Submitted

Nancy efiled(submitted) the 2023 budget on 12.23.2022. It still needs to be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

What time do we want our meetings to begin?

We all agreed, 6 pm is the best time to begin our meetings.

Do we want Vanessa with VFIS (our insurance company) to go over policies?

We decided every other year, or every third year is good. We did this last year.

Resolution to set May 2023 election, Appoint DEO, and Grant the DEO Authority to cancel the election.

Dan Defibaugh signed it and Nancy has to go in to the firebarn tomorrow to sign the resolution.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Dan is going to start using the board email president@rflvfd.org

MEETING ADJOURNED

Caryn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm, Patrick 2nd the motion. All approved.