

# RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## BOARD MINUTES via ZOOM

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

**Meeting called to order:** 6:04 pm

**Roll Call:** Robin Whittington, President; Jim Michalka, Vice-President; Caryn Hughes, Treasurer; Nancy Kay, Secretary

Absent: Kevin Zimmerman

Brenden (Bobby) Hill, RFL Fire Chief; Daniel Alarcon, RFL Assistant Fire Chief; Evan Rau, RFL EMS Officer; Gerry Wagner, RFLFD Supporters' President

**Guest:** Milton Geiger, Energy Resources Director PVREA

### **Approval of August 11, 2020 Minutes**

Caryn made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 11, 2020, Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion, all approved.

### **Financial Report**

Nancy made a motion to accept the Financial Reports as received, Robin 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

First National Bank checking is \$95,072.62 and the Colo Trust is \$105,678.97 for a total of \$200,751.59.

This is through August 31, 2020. We had a total income for August of \$7,546.47, where \$2,527.35 was received from taxes and \$4,500.00 was our annual payment from Crystal Lakes for the use of our ambulance, with the remaining income from donations, interest and AirLink.

Our total expenses for the month of August was \$14,311.05. A couple large expenses Caryn mentioned were our first fill up of propane for the season at \$828.00, fuel for the vehicles \$1,002.88, and we bought \$4,173.85 of Wildland (line item 5240) gear and spent \$4,740.68 (in Capital Outlay, line item 5500) on getting our two new fire vehicles closer to completion. As well as our usual expenses.

### **Chief's Report**

Bobby had no time for a written report this month. The Cameron Peak Fire began August 13, 2020 near Chambers Lake on the Poudre River. All mountain Fire Departments have been working on this fire, along with State & National fire departments. Red Feather Lakes & Crystal Lakes were both under a mandatory evacuation for Labor Day, September 7, 2020, then lowered to a voluntary evacuation, today September 8<sup>th</sup> because of the 8-10 inches of snow last night and today.

Bobby says he thinks they ran about 8 – 10 calls last month, which brought us to 78 calls so far this year. The Brush truck is almost complete, they are glad to have it, but using it for this Cameron Peak Fire they realize it needs a few more items. The training with Crystal Lakes was cancelled this month due to the wildfire. Squad 1, they have run into some electrical problems, Ft. Collins, Chrysler, Dodge their fleet services department, took it right in and fixed it.

Cameron Peak Fire has grown to 104,000 acres. The largest fire in Larimer County. Due to the snow, most of the fire fighters have the day to rest and recuperate. Bobby says beware, he is very sure we will go back to a mandatory evacuation sometime soon when things dry out. Our fire fighters have been working 10 -12 hours a day on this fire, every day. Bobby has been working with the Deer Creek development and the Quaintance

property to do a fire mitigation to clean up the entire West side of Red Feather behind the school up to Erie Lake, then East to the Nokomis area. They plan to do a 100 -500 foot "Park" (looks like a city park) cut.

Bobby took a poll from the firefighters, they want a casual Christmas Party, maybe at the POA. Bobby thinks if we have a low key, casual Christmas Party, where they bar-b-que the food; there will be more money left over for some cool gifts for the Fire Fighters. Between the Covid-19 and the Cameron Peak Fire, he thinks his firefighters deserve a big Christmas Thank you. So, Bobby, Dan & Evan will think about gifts for the Board to buy for the Red Feather Lakes Fire & EMS for Christmas.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Tuesday, September 1, 2020 meeting with PVREA, Interstate and Encorp**

Robin said there were about fourteen engineers, discussing the concrete pad for the battery installation and our fire department's snowplow. We will need to call 811 to have the electric lines identified before Interstate can do any digging.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Update Energy Audit and action to be taken**

Nancy will contact Milton about the rumor about the Library not connecting to the fire departments' battery for charging. She will carbon copy everybody at tonight's meeting. Once we know how it all stands with this, we can move forward with the microgrid & Energy Audit projects.

- **Nokomis Fire Mitigation (Bobby)**

This project stills needs to be completed by next April 2021. Allen Sagert is still planning to do this work.

## **Fire Supporters Report**

Gerry does not have audio or video to give us a report this month. He did send an email to Caryn to let us know that there is nothing new this month.

## **Open Board Discussion**

Emergency Facilitation Land Use Agreement with the Forest Service; Bobby needed the vender code information work sheet immediately, Caryn filled it out as best as she could. We RFLFPD do not have the Dunn's & Bradstreet number, Caryn thinks Jim Kubichek may have the number, but Caryn does not have his contact information. Dan Defibaugh will get Caryn Jim K. information.

This is basically, that the Forest Service will be filling tanker trucks from RFL Fire barn's water. The Forest Service will pay for this water; the water is not our water but belongs to Greeley Storage and Irrigation. So, when we get the checks for the water from the Forest Service, Caryn will need to write a check to Greeley Storage & Irrigation for the water. We might be able to keep a small percentage for the electricity that is used for this operation.

Chad Tjeerdsma will take over maintaining the RFL FPD's Website.

RFL FPD could use an Auxiliary to help the fire department, like Crystal Lakes.

**Adjournment** 7:10 pm Caryn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

Respectively, Submitted by Nancy Kay