

**RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2023, 6PM HYBRID MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order:** 6:15 pm

**Roll Call/Introductions:** Present: Dan Defibaugh, President; Caryn Hughes, Treasurer; Nancy Kay, Secretary  
Brenden (Bobby) Hill, RFL Fire Chief; Gerry Wagner, President of the Firehouse  
Supporters (501c3) & Fire fighter  
Absent: Rebecca Ekart, Director

**Review/Approve of Minutes:** Caryn made a motion to accept the Minutes of January 10, 2023, Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved.

**Financial Report:**

As of January 31, 2023 we had \$54,052.93 in our fnbo account and \$259,725.51 in our Colo Trust account, for a total of \$313,778.44.

The income for January was \$2,351.25; \$1,179.14 from taxes, \$100.00 from donations & \$69.00 from Air Link's new memberships.

January's expenses were Administration \$7,521.46; Operating Expenses \$1,931.64 and no expense in Capital Outlay. Total expenses for January were \$9,453.10.

Caryn mentioned she paid the entire year of 2023 for the Workman's Comp. \$1847.00 and Caryn renewed our membership in SDA (Special Districts Association) for 2023 at \$518.72. Our utilities were \$1869.49.

Caryn wanted to know what we all thought about transferring money from our Colo Trust to our checking account, because she just sent the check for the new Jaws-of-Life for \$27,689.00. We agreed Caryn could transfer money as she needs it, we like the interest we receive on the Colo Trust account \$1,003.11 for January. Bobby said he would let Caryn know when a big expense is coming up, which there will be this year, with the new truck (\$100,000.+) and the drone (\$15,000.), the EKG monitor (\$20,000.). Property Taxes start coming in around March 10. Caryn said she won't let the checking account balance go below \$3,000.00.

Dan made a motion to accept the Financial Report, Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved.

**Chief's Report:**

Bobby reported we ran ten total calls for January, 9 medical and 1 fire related call.

All 12 sets of Bunker Gear (Bunker gear has a life span of only 10 years) Bobby ordered in September 2022 with a \$50,000.00 grant through the state, has arrived. Included in that grant, were 12 pairs of boots (which had arrived last month), 18 fire hoods (arrived last month), 18 sets of gloves (arrived last month), 3 SCBA packs and 6 air bottles with 3 regulators and 3 masks. We received the SCBA, but it was the wrong packs, bottles and regulators, Bobby returned them and is now waiting for the correct equipment to be sent to us.

We have two new fire fighter members, Fred & Smith Barlow, and two new Explorer members a Barlow and a Hall. The Explorers are under 18 years of age, the Explorers are invited and welcome to join all the trainings and meetings. We now have 22 active Fire fighters and EMTs. Including those from CL that respond to RFL calls.

We received the new extrication equipment; the sales representative came up on Saturday and gave a formal training and the department practiced with it and it is now in service. It is all electric and run off batteries. It is lighter and easier to use than our old extrication equipment, instead of requiring 3 people, the equipment only needs 1 or 2 to run it.

The CRRF (Colorado Resource Rate Form) agreement with the state, a communications' app with other fire chiefs around the state; when there is a fire somewhere in the state all the Volunteer fire chiefs will be notified and will be asked to respond with any members able to go help. It is now up and running. This is part of the reimbursement program, now when our equipment is used for a State or Federal Fire, the department will be reimbursed for the use. As an example, During the Cameron Peak Fire, the use of our one Tender (water hauler) is worth \$1,500.00 a day and our Tender was used 70 days. We will now be reimbursed for the use going forward.

The Supporter's will be purchasing 3 Fire Fighter Structure helmets with shields for around \$1400.00.

We ordered extra Medical Supplies this month, Dan Alarcon and Jan went to an EMS training in Durango. It was for MCI (Mass Causality Incident) where multiple people are hurt, such as with an active shooter. We have Red Feather Lakes village, the lakes & campgrounds, the school, area cabins & Beaver Meadows, we need to have an emergency plan ready. Bobby has been communicating with the Sherriff's Department on how to work together for any such emergency.

### **Supporter's Report:**

Gerry Wagner, The Supporters' started with \$75,956. in their fnbo account and PayPal \$19,670.00. Gerry deposited \$3,675.00 in fnbo and wrote a check to Ben's Diesel for \$7454.49 for Tender 1 and paid \$10.00 to the state for registration. In fnbo \$ 55,970.07 in PayPal we have \$19,697.90 for a total of \$75,667.97. This month they will be buying the 3 fire fighter's structure helmets with shields, for \$1,400.00.

Gerry is hoping to pull the pump in Ramona Lake sometime before they start to fill the lakes with water this spring. He hopes they can pull it on a Sunday, Gerry can run it to Ft. Morgan, they can fix it and Gerry can bring the pump back in a week or two. This will save the department \$1,050.00 if Gerry takes the pump down to them. The pump should pump 800 gallons a minute, now it only pumps about 400 gallons a minute. Also, Bobby mentioned we have an ISO rating coming up in a year or so, and part of that ISO rating is how much water we can consistently flow. The ISO rating determines homeowner's insurance rates too.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Microgrid/generator**

2/1/23 Patrick sent us an email saying the generator would not start, and that Collins Control was coming up Friday 2/3/23.

With Patrick Grissom's resignation we need to have someone take over the checking of the generator. Collins Control came up to work on the generator, they arrived to inspect the generator & found the generator in "off". They drained coolant from unit, installed a second block heater going straight to the vaporizer and re-routed the original block heater going straight to the block, with a "T" fitting connecting the two at the in-take side of the block heater. Built up the unit and burped, to make sure there were no air pockets, ran until the load, with the customer, successful. Left in auto. (This is from the invoice)

Gerry said that the two block heaters throws the breaker, both block heaters draw 10 amps, when they start at the same time, it throws the breaker.

Gerry said he would take over checking the generator and being the contact person with PVREA.

**DEO (Designated Election Official)**

Doug Race our DEO will be putting the Call for Nominations in the North Forty News. Dan Defibaugh will follow up on that.

Caryn will call the North Forty News, since we received the invoice but have not seen the Call for Nominations.

**2023 Budget Accepted**

Budget was accepted.

**NEW BUSINESS****Patrick Grissom's resignation from the board**

His resignation was accepted.

**OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION**

Caryn will contact Peggy Jobs at FPPA about increasing the pension.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Caryn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M., Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved.