

# RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

AUGUST 11, 2020 BY ZOOM

## MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER** 6:01 PM

**ROLL CALL** Robin Whittington, President; Caryn Hughes, Treasurer; Nancy Kay, Secretary; Kevin Zimmerman, Director; Brendon (Bobby) Hill, RFLFPD Chief; Evan Rau, RFL EMS Officer; Gerry Wagner, RFLFD Supporters-President; Milton Geiger, PVREA

Absent: Jim Michalka with notice

**PVREA, Milton Geiger --- Microgrid**

Milton said, Things are moving along. All the contracts and agreements are being finalized. Next week, PVREA are hoping to drive the stakes for the concrete pad (12 X 24) to map out and get our ok on that plan. Then, they are planning to replace some of the old distribution equipment and adding new conductors with new poles. After the concrete pad is in, they will send the electrician up to put in the generator controls, so PVREA can control the generator from their online point. He suggested this would be a good time to start the Energy Audit updates as well. They have a Tesla battery on order and will be installed by a local company.

Bobby and Gerry asked Milton when they are pouring the concrete, could they add extra concrete to hold a snowplow during the summer. Gerry guessed about 6X8 or 8X8 area would work. Milton said they will be adding bollards to protect the battery, then could add the additional concrete for the snowplow. Milton agreed to coordinate this project, and if the added cost is significant, we (RFLFPD) will pay for this additional concrete. Bobby also asked, if the general plan is to be completed before the end of the year. Milton answered with a yes.

Milton said PVREA had applied for a Federal Grant; their goal is to mobilize for construction in September, the battery will be installed in October, by the end of October into November will be when things are hooked up for use.

Bobby asked if any of the lines between the library and fire stations need to go under the road, Milton said he will have to get back to us on the final distribution plan. Milton said they are going to put some of it under ground, because of an overhead line they are concerned about, but he does not know what part.

**The Energy Audit:** Caryn asked what she needs to do, to trigger the changes in our finance area. Milton said for Caryn, to send him an email, for 2 things: "Time of use rate" (if we can move high electricity usage from the 4-10 pm usage) and "on bill financing" (where our savings are paying for this) and he will work with Caryn to get these areas moving forward.

Milton, PVREA's Energy Resources Director; said he and Tony Francone, PVREA's Energy Resource Specialist (he joined us at our July meeting) will help connect us with contractors, for the electrical work and the insulation work. How this would work: PVREA will send us the names of contractors in the area of our need, then we would have to reply; yes, contact those names for us, then Tony will contact the contractors saying can you get up there and do this, this and this and can we get a quote for that. Then Milton or Tony will arrange for when they are coming up for one of us to meet them to open the building to them.

## **APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES**

Caryn made a motion to accept the Minutes with the correction of the date of the County wide fire restriction to go into effect. Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All approved.

## **JULY'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

First National Bank checking we have \$99,286.41; in our Colorado Trust account we have \$105,652.45 for a total of \$204,938.86

Caryn pointed out, we had two additional significant sources of income for this month. \$2,825.00 from the sale of the old Brush truck to Zigrays, and \$1,100.00 from PVREA for the microgrid, the \$500.00 one-time payment and the \$600.00 annual payment. Along with \$33,059.56 from property tax and \$1,237.70 from Specific Ownership(automobile registration) and \$48.87 interest earned on our Colo Trust account, for a total of \$38,271.13 for income in July. Our income will be on a downward projection for the rest of the year.

In expenses, our two additional expenses above our usual for the past month were, our quarterly Pay per call in July for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter was \$4,230.00 and then in Capital Outlay we bought the snowplow for \$8,669.17 and had a few things done to our new Brush truck and First Attack truck to move toward their completion. In Administration we spent \$6,013.17, in Fire Department Operating we spent \$1,631.92 and in Capitol Outlay we spent \$10,390.88 for a total expenditure of \$18,035.97 in July.

Nancy made a motion to accept the financial report as received, Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

We ran 16 calls for July 2020, 14 medical, 2 fire related calls; compared to 17 calls in July 2019, 16 medical, 1 fire related call. Bringing us to a total of 69 calls through July for 2020, compared to 63 calls in 2019 through the end of July.

Squad 1 and Brush 1 are complete. We will continue to add things to both vehicles until all major purchases are complete.

I will be working on getting the ATV purchased this month.

We had a combined training with Crystal Lakes that encompassed all the trainings we have done up to this point by doing a full scale scenario. The scenario went very well, and it is obvious that people are starting to work well together and accomplishing our assignments and tasks on a structure fire.

The new radios that were purchased by the supporters have arrived and are being programmed by the county right now. We should have the new radios in service by the end of this week. There are four new radios, these radios will be assigned to the personnel that respond directly to most calls.

## **RFLFD SUPPORTERS REPORT**

Gerry Wagner, President of the RFLFD's Firehouse Supporters our 501c3. As Robin said, thank you, Gerry, for all your hard work and persistence with numerous phone calls to the IRS, to get us reinstated. Gerry received the letter that the Firehouse Supporters were reinstated as of June 30, 2020 as a 501c3. He did point out, that the IRS website does not show that we have been reinstated at this time. So, when people want to have investment funds transferred to the RFL Firehouse Supporters, for tax deductions; they would look at the IRS website to verify we are a legitimate 501c3 and not see us listed there. Gerry is still working on this.

Gerry, said they are unable to do any fund raisers because it involves people congregating (with Covid-19, that cannot happen). They will wait for November to send out the solicitation letters, since the end of the year and at the holidays seems to be the best time for donations.

The Supporter's have \$20,891.01 in their checking account as of today.

The Supporter's Officers: Gerry Wagner, President; Dan Defibaugh, Vice-President; Cris Meeks, Treasurer; John Grose, Secretary; Bob Getts, member-at-large.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Nokomis Fire Mitigation Grant** – Gerry said it does not look like much has been done. Gerry told Allen Sagert he has until next April if he wants to get paid.

**Microgrid** (please see above)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

**ADJOURNMENT** 6:52 pm

Respectively submitted by

Nancy Kay