

**RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY DECEMBER 12, 2023, AT 6 PM HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order: 6:03 pm

Roll Call/Introductions: Present: Dan Defibaugh, President; Rebecca Ekart, Vice-President; Caryn Hughes, Treasurer; Darla Moxon, Director; Nancy Kay, Secretary

Review/Approval of Minutes:

Caryn made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2023, meeting, Darla 2nd the motion, all approved.

Financial Report:

Caryn went over the financial report with us. The Financial Report as of November 30, 2023.

In our account at First National Bank, we have \$148,414.22; in our Colo Trust account we have \$271,263.30, for a balance of \$419,677.52.

Our income for the month of November was \$2,950.22, from taxes, interest earned and AirLink.

The expenses for November were Administrative \$1,014.50, Accounting and Utilities. Operating expenses were \$715.00, for vehicles. No Capital Outlay Expenses for November. Our total expenses were \$1,729.50. Our Net income was \$1,220.72.

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

Chief's Report:

Gerry is reporting for Chief Hill, who is working. The training this month was on the radios. How the 800 series radios work, the tower attached to the fire barn has two antennas that need replacing with a newer/better antenna & Coaxial cables, our base radio may be old and not putting out the amps needed, another radio was brought up that will maybe work better. The new antenna will cost about \$250.00. Next summer we are hoping to get a Repeater, it will be one channel, a simplex, it won't reach to 900 (Dispatch) but it should connect radios from Livermore to Crystal Lakes and Dead Man.

We had 8 calls in November, 5 medical, 1 fire, 1 mutual aid, & 1 other. So far this month we have had 1 medical and 1 fire, up to today's date we have run 130 calls for the year.

Supporter's Report:

Gerry is updating us on the Supporter's. In November, we had a \$100.00 donation by check and through PayPal we brought in \$356.22. We purchased 20 new flashlights for the vehicles, all LED lights. We are required to have 2 working flashlights in every vehicle.

Gerry paid for the Supporter's website WIX for two years, \$348.00. Our ending balance was \$71,018.26.

We sent out the solicitation letter after Thanksgiving, and since the letter went out, we have received 57 checks for a total of \$8,940.00 and from PayPal we have received \$2, 848.94.

OLD BUSINESS

Microgrid/generator

It starts up and runs. Gerry talked to Scott at Schrader Propane about insulating or using heat tape on the line from the propane tank to the generator (vaporizer), Scott said it would be detrimental. Gerry is thinking that if we can warm the vaporizer and not the propane going into the vaporizer, we will get the quantity & quality of propane we need as opposed to heating the propane which would vaporize the propane before it gets to the vaporizer. Gerry will continue to work on this issue.

FPPA

Caryn will send to FPPA our November Minutes as proof of our asking to increase the pensions, beginning January 1, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS**Budget**

Caryn, brought to our attention, Proposition HH was voted down, but our Governor and our Legislature signed in SB-23B-001, which reduces the amount of taxed income we will receive in 2024. When we receive the valuations, we will have to change the budget to a lower income, then balance the budget again.

Nancy made a motion to accept the proposed 2024 budget as received from our Treasurer of the Board, voting on basically the expenses, knowing that the income will change with Larimer County Assessor's new property valuations. Rebecca 2nd the motion, all approved.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION**Public Comment (limit to 3 Minutes)**

None

Meeting adjourned at: Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm, Darla 2nd the motion, all approved.