

RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JULY 14, 2020 via ZOOM

MINUTES

Call to Order 6:00 pm

Roll Call: Present: Robin Whittington, President; Jim Michalka, Vice-President; Caryn Hughes, Treasurer; Kevin Zimmerman, Director; Nancy Kay, Secretary

Brendon (Bobby) Hill, RFL Fire Chief; Dan Alarcon, RFL Assistant Fire Chief; Evan Rau, RFL EMS Officer; Gerry Wagner, President of the Fire House Supporters

GUESTS: David White and Tony Francone from PVREA.

Approval of Minutes from June 9, 2020

Caryn made a motion to accept the Minutes, Jim 2nd, all approved.

Financial Report

Caryn spoke about the financials. Our 1st National Bank checking is \$80,292.01 and our Colorado Trust is \$105,617.51 for a total of \$185,909.52

So far, we have spent \$89,988.57 on the Brush truck (Brush one) and we budgeted \$90,000.00. On the First Attack Vehicle (Squad one) we have spent \$78,721.61 and we had budgeted \$78,000.00. Caryn reminded us, Bobby had mentioned a few months ago that he thought we might go over budget by close to \$8,000.00.

Jim made a motion to accept the financial report, Nancy 2nd, all approved.

Chiefs Report

We ran 16 calls for June 2020, 11 medical, 5 fire related calls, compared to 12 calls in June of 2019, 12 medical, 0 fire related calls. Bringing us to a total of 52 calls for 2020 compared to 46 calls in 2019.

Squad one and Brush one have had the mud flaps, running boards, snowplow, front bumper, and winches put on the trucks, all major large budgeted items have been purchased. There are several small projects on each truck that will continue to be worked on.

Training with Crystal Lakes is continuing, and we are making great progress on operations for both departments so that we are working together instead of working against each other on all calls.

Since we are using ESO for all our reporting system, we have stopped payment on Emergency Reporting Program, effective August 1, 2020.

The Sheriff's Department has ordered 101 new radios at a great price and we have an opportunity to get the same radio for the same price. The radios are for our first responders and are utilized on every call we go on. We would piggyback onto Crystal Lakes order and repay them any money. They are 800 Kenwood for \$1,300.00 each, normal price is \$2,000.00. I would like to get 4 of them for a total of approximately \$5,200.00.

Mark Rhode from Crystal Lakes did an extensive testing process on the new radios versus the older radios we currently have, and the new radios outperform the old radios in 15 different locations in the area.

I would like to ask the fire Supporters to purchase these radios or we can reallocate some money from other line items to purchase these radios. Regardless who ever pays for them the decision needs to be made tonight because the deadline is tomorrow 7/15/2020. We need radios anyway, so this is a great opportunity to get a great price and save us some money.

Gerry the President of the Supporters will send out an email to his Board of Directors to vote on buying the 4 radios for the Fire Department. Gerry can't make the decision alone so he will get back to us with the answer from the Supporters Board. Tonight Bobby just needs an okay to order the radios.

Caryn made a motion to give Bobby the go ahead to order the 4 new Kenwood radios and if need be the Fire Board will pay for them if the Supporters cannot pay for them, Nancy 2nd, all approved.

Old Business

RFLFD Supporters Report

Gerry, Talked to the IRS, about reinstating the Firehouse Supporters as a 501c3 organization. Gerry was told with the Coronavirus pandemic the IRS is backed up on work.

The Supporters have \$ 20,891.01 in their account to help the fire department out.

Gerry asked Bobby and the Board if we were going to have Fire Day on Labor Day weekend. Bobby and the Supporter's and the RFL Fire Board decide not to chance putting people at risk having Fire Day.

Nancy made a motion to cancel the Fire Day for Labor Day weekend 2020, Robin 2nd, all approved.

Energy Audit agreement letter

David White, Vice President, Member and Government Relations for PVREA and Tony Francone, Energy Resource Specialist joined our Board meeting to discuss the Energy Audit.

RFLFPD would contract to have the various recommendations done, PVREA would like to approve the contractors for the projects, they would also be willing to help us locate contractors for the services. There is no initial capital outlay for RFLFPD. PVREA pays the upfront capitol investment up to \$20,000.00. PVREA will recoup that investment over a number of months (it is written in the agreement that PVREA gave to us in April 2020) through our monthly electric payments and the savings from these various Energy Audit recommendations, the difference will be how we pay this money back to PVREA; they will keep 80% and we will get 20% .

Tony, will do most if not all the leg work to find contractors for this recommended work.

David, has one other thing to be aware of; the first year will be based on their estimate of what they think these measures will save. After the first year, they will look at what the actual saving were through measurement and verification, and then they will adjust the months for the "On-Bill Financing Rider". Fewer months if there is more savings than they thought, or more months if there is less savings than they thought, but it will not go over 144 months. If PVREA has grossly miscalculated the

savings, and the electric heaters cannot recoup the investment in 144 months, then PVREA will bear the loss.

As Robin said, it sounds like this Energy Audit is a win/win situation, for RFLFPD and PVREA.

Caryn made a motion to proceed ahead with the recommended Energy Conservation measures that the PVREA Energy Audit provided, which will be a cost of up to \$20,000.00, but it will be covered by PVREA for the initial Capital Investment and we will pay it back over a period of time through the cost savings and that would be from 101 months to a maximum of 144 months. Nancy 2nd, all approved.

New Business

Nokomis Fire Mitigation

April 2021 is the end of the three year 50% fire mitigation plan. Gerry will talk to Allan Sagert, then Gerry will reach out to Susie Bradley of the Quaintance Trust, if we are granted money and we do not use it, it will lower our chances to get it again.

Open Board Discussion

Bobby mentioned next Tuesday 7/21/20 there will be a county wide fire restriction to go into effect.

Adjournment

Caryn moved to adjourn the meeting, Nancy 2nd, all approved, at 7:14 pm

Respectively submitted by

Nancy Kay