

**RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY DECEMBER 13, 2022, AT 6 PM HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order: 6:05 pm

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

Review/Approval of Minutes

Caryn made a motion to approve the minutes, Nancy 2nd the motion. All approved.

Financial Report

As of November 30, 2022, we had \$73,198.63 in our First National Bank account and \$257,779.39 in our Colo. Trust account, for a total of \$330,978.02.

The income for the month of November was \$2,455.61; from taxes, interest earned & Airlink (when new clients sign up).

The expenses for November were \$34,531.34; Administration was \$30,751.35, Operating Expenses \$1,135.37, and Capital Outlay \$2,644.62

Caryn paid into the FPPA for the pension \$30,000.00

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

Chief's Report

Gerry Wagner started us off on the Chief's report as Bobby is working and will join the meeting when he can.

In November we ran 7 calls, 6 medical and 1 fire. We have run 1 medical and 1 fire, so far this month of December. For 137 total calls, for the year to today's date. We put the tracks on the UTV, so we are ready for medical emergencies. We took the water tank and firefighting equipment off it.

Bad news- Tender 2 is at Ben's Diesel, the transfer case has an issue. Gerry said the Supporter's will cover the repairs and the board will take care of the towing.

The water pump in Ramona Lake, that pumps water to the fire station to fill the tankers for fires, is still needing repairs. It will have to be removed from the water and clean out the pump intake and inspect the motor. Now it will pump 400 gallons a minute as opposed to 800 gallons. They don't want to remove the pump until they have both tenders back in service. Once we get Tender 2 back, the RFL dive team will remove the pump and take it down to the repair shop in town, saving us about a thousand dollars.

Supporter's Report

Gerry Wagner brought us up to date on the Supporter's. We had 923 solicitation letters go out just before Thanksgiving, at a cost of \$924.54. To date we have received 79 checks for \$16,625.00 and we received 33 PayPal donations for \$5,645.06 for a total of \$22,270.04. In First National Bank we have \$54,359.56 and in PayPal we have \$18,375.58 for a total of \$77,060.14.

As Caryn read from her "Budget Message" (that accompanies' the budget we submit to the County) for 2023, we are fortunate to have the Supporter's provide for the Fire Department over \$50,000.00 worth of equipment in 2022. The equipment the Supporter's provided the department for 2022 were: a tablet \$600.00, two separate generator repairs at \$4,000.00+, the UTV rack \$3,000.00, the new SCBA air bottles \$14,000.00+, the Pram lift costing over \$30,000.00 and the SCBA compressor's servicing to fill the new air bottles.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Microgrid/Generator**

Patrick has been monitoring the generator's ability to charge the microgrid. He has been running load tests on the generator. Collin's Control will be coming up January 18, between 3 and 4 pm to work on the generator. The plan is to put in another bigger water/block heater, hoping to get the temperature and vaporizer temperature higher. The generator will only charge the microgrid, the generator will never power the grid. REA was hoping the generator could charge the Tesla battery and power the community at the same time.

- **El Pomar Foundation grant**

Rebecca is not here tonight.

- **Star Link set up**

It is set up. It is in the truck, just not mounted yet.

NEW BUSINESS

- **DEO** (Designated Election Official) – Dan Defibaugh contacted Joe Lee about the upcoming training for the position as DEO.

- **SMG** (State Matching Grant) – Our application is in the process of being reviewed.

- **Budget Notification in NFN** (North Forty News)

That came out in the November 28, 2022, in the North Forty News.

- **Anyone receive a budget message from a constituent?**

None of us (Patrick, Caryn, or Nancy) received any email messages about the budget.

- **Approve the 2023 Budget**

The only change Caryn made to this final budget is a \$1.95 difference from the previous "proposed budget". We went over the Capitol Outlay for next year's budget.

We discussed increasing the Crystal Lakes medical Ambulance usage from \$4500.00 to \$5,000.00 annually, which will help us pay for the new EKG machine for the ambulance, which is costing us \$20,000.00. Next summer (2023) when Caryn sends them the invoice for \$4500.00, she will alert them to the increase of \$500.00 for 2024.

Nancy made a motion to accept the proposed budget for 2023, Caryn 2nd the motion. All approved.

Nancy will get the Resolutions done and to Caryn, so the budget is sent in as a package.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Caryn 2nd the motion. All approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm.