

**RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 10, 2023, 6 PM HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm Internet Service Down; Nancy tested positive for Covid this morning, Nancy has joined the meeting by phone.

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

Absent: Rebecca Ekart, Vice-President; sick with Covid

Present: Brenden (Bobby) Hill, RFL Volunteer Fire Chief; Gerry Wagner, Fire Fighter & President of Red Feather Lakes Firehouse Supporters (501c3)

Review/Approve of Minutes:

Darla made a motion to accept the Minutes for the September meeting, Caryn 2nd the motion, all approved.

Financial Report:

As of September 30th; Our checking account has \$162,263.05 and our savings account has \$268,761.72 for a total of \$431,024.77.

Our September expenses were Administration \$5,856.60, Insurance \$3,847.00, Accounting fees, Utilities and Station & Grounds. The Operating Expenses were \$600.00, No Capital Outlay expenses. Total Expenses for September were \$6,456.60. Our net income for September was -\$2,771.61.

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

Chief's Report:

Chief Bobby Hill reported we had 109 calls through the end of September, and an additional 3 calls by today.

The fatal fire in Piney Knolls of the camper explosion is still under investigation.

The training this past month at Red Feather Excavation's work yard practicing Auto Extrication training. We practiced using the new auto extrication equipment, it works great.

The state grant we were hoping to use for new bunker gear for our new members and more SCBA equipment, we didn't get this year.

Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 8-14) was scheduled for this Thursday, but with a forecast of snow and cold weather, it has been rescheduled to next week Wednesday Oct. 18th.

Supporter's Report:

Gerry Wagner the Supporter's President; We received \$300.00 from recent donations. We bought a credit card machine for Fire Days, it cost \$715.00. We haven't totaled the 2023 Fire Days income/expense yet. Caryn and Gerry will get together to get that done.

OLD BUSINESS

Microgrid/generator

Gerry is the point of contact for the microgrid. John who was up here servicing the microgrid's Tesla battery, said he thought wrapping the propane line from the tank to the generator with heat tape was a possibility. Gerry said he would talk to Scott at Schrader Propane about this.

FPPA

Caryn has been working with Ahni Smith with FPPA, gathering information from her about increasing our Fire Fighters Pension Plan.

Below are the proposed plans, we are discussing (pg. 26 of 29). This is the sentence that we feel we need to read the report again to understand better.

"For example, if Red Feather Lakes were to adopt Plan A below, the Net Pension Liability and Pension Expense would increase by at least \$54,870" (Taken from pg. 22 of the report).

Table 15 - Actuarial Valuation Information Checklist

	Current Plan	Proposed Plan A	Proposed Plan B	Proposed Plan C	Maximum Per State Statute
1. Normal Retirement Benefit (monthly):					
a. Regular	\$400.00	\$450.00	\$500.00	\$550.00	None
b. Extended Service Amount Per Year of Service*	\$20.00	\$22.50	\$25.00	\$27.50	5% of Regular, for 10 Additional years
2. Vested Retirement Benefit (monthly):					
a. With 10 to 20 Years of Service Amount Per Year of Service per Minimum Vesting Years	\$20.00	\$22.50	\$25.00	\$27.50	Pro rata Share of Regular 20 Years
b. Minimum Vesting Years	10	10	10	10	

Grading and materials for Firehouse Lane

Caryn said John Krakel sent an estimate for grading Firehouse Lane with road base materials. The expense would be \$1,250. Divided by 3 (POA, Library & Fire Department) \$417.00 each.

Nancy made a motion to approve this road work, Dan 2nd the motion, all approved.

Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 8-14)

See above in Chief's Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Insurance Policies

We all decided the end of the year is too busy to add another big (time) project to our agenda. We would rather in April to August go over our insurance policies when we are not working on the budget and this year on the pension plan. Vanessa will no longer be our representative but will hand it over to Chris Bisrum. We will contact Vanessa or Chris to arrange this for 2024.

Budget

Caryn and Bobby had discussed the 2024 budget and Caryn had to add an additional column to the budget, for the possible impact of the November 7 election of Proposition HH, where our revenue would be decreased by \$52,296.00 if this passes.

Caryn had sent the budget out to us before the board meeting, for us to look it over and be ready with comments and questions. We went over the budget, where there were concerns.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Nancy will apply for the State Matching Grant for the FPPA Pension Plan.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Caryn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm, Dan 2nd the motion. All approved.

Respectively Submitted by Nancy Kay, Secretary