

# RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## BOARD MEETING

### ZOOM CONFERENCE

**APRIL 14, 2020**

#### **Call to order**

6:00 pm

#### **Roll call**

**Present:** Robin Whittington, Vice-President; Caryn Hughes, Treasurer; Jim Machalka, Director; Nancy Kay, Secretary; Brendon Hill, Fire Chief; Dan Alarcon, Asst. Fire Chief; Evan Rau, head of EMS; Gerry Wagner, President of RFL FireHouse Supporters

**Absent:** Fred Ballard

#### **Approve March 10 Minutes**

Caryn made a motion to approve the minutes, Jim 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All approved.

#### **Financial report**

First National Bank checking \$153,524.60 and in the Colorado Trust \$105,413.75 for a total of: \$258,938.35

CET Fire Pumps manufacturing for the new Brush Truck (Brush 1) we spent \$18,441.74 and for the new First Attack Truck (Squad 1) we spent \$2,957.27 This is the first layer of equipment.

#### **Chief's report**

We ran 6 calls for March 2020, 5 medical, 1 fire related calls compared to 4 medical calls in 2019 . Bringing us to a total of 22 calls for 2020, compared to 16 calls in 2019.

Both the new trucks are in and getting the boxes put on them. Squad one should be done sometime this week. Chief Hill will need a check as soon as he knows the exact amount from the dealer and then we can pick up squad one. Brush one should be done in the next couple weeks.

All the new lighting and radio packages are in just waiting for the trucks to get here and we will start installing everything. It is going to be a big project and very time consuming, but we will get it done. Both trucks this will cost about \$6600.00 instead of \$8,000.00 per truck to have it done in town.

The skid unit was delivered, and it is at the station. It turned out awesome and we are super excited to get it installed on the new brush truck and start training with it.

We are still doing combined training with Crystal Lakes Fire Department. However, we have had to change the way training is being delivered due to Corona Virus. We have downloaded classes on a zip drive and have assigned everybody

assignments for the month. We will continue to monitor when we are able to meet and do hands on training. For now, probably not until June. We are doing Wildland training for the coming wildfire season.

ESO (electronic health records for Emergency Services & fire) is in the process of getting set up for Red Feather. The Chiefs and EMS Officers are doing the initial set up, this is another large project and time consuming because there are thousands of different configurations for setting up the ESO. Our start date is still sometime in May, we initially wanted to start May 1<sup>st</sup> but that is being delayed later in May due to the training process and that we are unable to meet in person to do the training.

**COVID-19** So far, we have not run any of these calls yet up in the mountains. We are well stocked on PPE. We have a good plan in place for any of these types of calls. We have not had any extra or expenditures directly involved with the coronavirus. They treat ever call they go on as a positive covid-19 patient. The initial EMT is the only contact with the patient and our EMT is covered with PPE (goggles, masks, gloves, coveralls) and they keep their contact to a minimum.

Red Feather Fire Supporters purchased 11 new helmets for all the full-time firefighters, and they look great. Thank you, Fire House Supporters!!

Chief Hill said he is aware with the economy shut down, that it may compromise our tax based income to a certain degree. Chief Hill will hold off with buying some of the extra items(gym equipment, boat, 4-wheeler)until the end of the year, we did budget for these items, for this year. Chief Hill wants to spend the money to get Brush 1 and Squad 1 up to peak performance and running.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **RFLFD Supporters update**

Gerry did hear back from the IRS, our reinstatement as a 501c3 he thinks will happen this year. Gerry has a few people interested in joining the Supporters, he will invite them to the May meeting. The Supporter's have \$23,545.65 in the bank and has offered \$20,000.00 for this year for financial help to the department.

### **Microgrid-energy audit**

March 11, a couple Poudre Valley REA employees came to Red Feather to access our energy efficiency. They accessed the Library, the POA and the Fire Station; our biggest loss for heat & energy are the bay doors for the fire trucks. They partner with another company that do the actual detailed energy audit; they will inform us where we can improve our energy efficiency.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Caryn had sent out the Air Medicare application forms by email. She will need the checks by June. Make out your check to the Red Feather Lakes Fire Protection District, along with the application and then Caryn will send in one check to Air Medicare for us all. Gerry can let all his Supporter know they are welcome to join at the discounted amount.

Bobby (Chief Hill) has three more items to mention.

- 1) Thank you to Morning Star Church for the masks they made for the Red Feather Lakes EMS. Nancy will write a thank you note to the church for the masks. The masks are being used by the firefighters and the firefighter's families, to help keep our fire fighters healthy. They are also using the masks over the N95 masks.
- 2) Bobby wanted to let the Board know that if any of the firefighters get sick from this Coronavirus, they will file a Workers' Compensation for the ill firefighter. He said there is not any way to tell if they catch the Coronavirus at work or not, but they want the Board to know they are going to file for Workers' Compensation for the insurance to cover a sick fire fighter.
- 3) Bobby asked if we need a Resolution for meeting on the Zoom platform, Nancy had asked Kyna Glover our Attorney's Legal Aid contact and Kyna had said as long as the public has access to the Zoom meeting we are in good standing. Nancy added the 1-800 telephone numbers along with the meeting ID number and the password to get into our Zoom meeting to the bottom of the posted agendas.

## **Adjournment**

Robin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm, Jim 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved.

Respectively Submitted by,

Nancy Kay