

RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 14, 2022 at 6 pm hybrid meeting
MINUTES

Meeting called to order: 6:06 pm

Roll Call/Introductions: Daniel Defibaugh, President; Patrick Grissom, Vice-President; Caryn Hughes, Treasurer; Rebecca Ekart, Director, Nancy Kay, Secretary

Brendon (Bobby) Hill, RFL Fire Chief; Gerry Wagner, RFL Firehouse Supporter's President

Review/Approval of Minutes

Caryn made a motion to accept the minutes from May 10 board meeting as written, Patrick seconded, all approved

Financial Report

Caryn went over the financial reports: At First Nation bank we have \$220,172.15 at Colorado Trust we have \$105,936.72 giving us a total of \$326,110.87.

Our income for May was from Larimer County taxes \$49,155.93, from services \$4,500.00 and from Airlink \$69.00 for a total income of \$53,796.09.

Our expenses for May were Administration \$3,329.91, Operating \$6,918.79 and Capital Outlay \$6,009.83 for a total expense of \$16,258.53.

We had a net income of \$37,537.56

Chief's Report

Chief Bobby Hill: In May we ran 8 medical calls and 1 fire related call, for this year, to date we have run 50 calls.

Squad 1: We have had issues with the lights & sirens and have finally gotten that fixed and completed today.

All our vehicles are caught up on their maintenance and any repairs.

Bobby finally received some of the SCBAs (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) that we have been discussing for the last two years. Bobby contacted the regional sales rep. for Scott Fire & Safety, we got 6 packs donated to us and 12 bottles that will need to be replaced soon but will work until we get the new bottles. If we were to purchase this equipment new it would be close to \$60,000. to \$66,000. if we were to purchase it used, it would be around \$27,000. This new used equipment is twenty years newer than the SCBA equipment we are using now. Bobby had to buy some batteries and a few other things to get the new equipment up and going, then he needs to plan a training session for the new packs since they are a little different than what we have now, but the equipment is interchangeable. We still need an SCBA fill station, Bobby & Gerry are working on that.

Training this month was Wildland Training. For the last three trainings, each has been interrupted by a call, so they haven't been able to run a Wildland training from start to finish.

The side-by-side, Bobby has noticed with the weight of the skid unit and other equipment, the rear of the side-by-side is lower than the front. Bobby is going to investigate stronger shocks, springs or what. The weight capacity is 1500 lbs for cargo, we are close to 1,000 lbs now.

Supporter's Report

Gerry Wagner, May was pretty quiet, we did get an Amazon Smile check for \$61.00 that would be for a quarter. As of today the Supporter's have \$80,452.89 in First National account, in PayPal we received one donations of \$20.00 so we got \$18.90 of it, in PayPal we have \$12,504.28 for a total of \$92,955.17.

We will meet this Thursday at 6:30 (since we are having the insurance meeting tomorrow night). We will be preparing for the 4th of July weekend (Saturday July 2nd) and the Bar-B-Que for the firefighters, police and other distinguished personal. Gerry is expecting to serve about 40 people. Gerry invited the board for a burger or brat.

Gerry has tried calling MES (Metropolitan Emergency Services) about the Scott SCBA bottles. The Supporter's had offered to pay for the compressor for the fill station. The compressor we have now can fill the bottles to 3800psi the compressor Bobby & Gerry are looking at will be able to fill the bottles to 4500psi. Gerry said the Supporter's will buy a compressor, new bottles & a fill station(\$50,000.00) for the fire department.

OLD BUSINESS

--Generator & Microgrid Protocol—Who & When will test the generator monthly?

Patrick did a test on the 1st of June. Pat proposed we test the generator on the day of our board meetings, he will come down to the firebarn early. Pat will do it or ask someone else to do it.

PVREA have done all the thermostat wiring. Everything with the microgrid is complete.

--Insurance meeting Wednesday 6/15

Patrick asked about the RFL Quick Response Unit if it is a part of the fire department. We need to ask Vanessa about this. We also need to ask if we need to update our beneficiary forms.

--SDA Annual Regional Workshop

The SDA workshop is next Tuesday at 8am to noon in Windsor fire station. Caryn, Rebecca & Nancy are going.

--Website

Patrick said it is \$250.00 to get the website set up and \$75.00 a month. They go from Operating revenue and the \$50.00 a month is under \$250,000 our annual revenue is \$253,061.11, so \$75.00 (75.00 x 12 = 900.00 yr.) a month. They do not provide email, so we will still have to keep our hosting company, and there will be a redirect to the new website. Glacier View Meadows & Livermore both use Streamline web hosting. Patrick is dealing with Maria with Streamline. If we weren't a member of SDA we would pay \$100.00 a month. That is a benefit of our annual membership fee of \$400. to \$450. A year to SDA (Special Districts Association).

Rebecca made a motion we purchase the website hosting company Streamline, Dan seconded, all approved.

NEW BUSINESS

--Recruiting EMTs

Bobby said we need a full time EMT. Bobby is the only full-time Paramedic up here. We have 4 EMTs in RFL, Bobby, Daniel Alarcon, V. Janning, & Jacob Fleecs; of these 4 EMTs, Bobby, Dan & Jacob work full time off the mountain. Crystal Lakes has 2 EMTs, Doug Race & Evan Rau (Evan we are sending to Paramedic school this year). Crystal Lakes has a new fire fighter that joined this year and is willing to go to school to become an EMT. We had budgeted to pay for Evan's Paramedic training and for an EMT training. Bobby would like to have this new firefighter be trained to become an EMT. We all said: Please do.

Along this line, Bobby said they need the auto-lift, it automatically lifts the stretcher & patient up into the back of the ambulance. It costs around \$27,000.00, Bobby wanted to ask the Supporter's if they would split the cost with the fire department, probably about \$15,000.00 each. Bobby has applied for grants for this and has not been able to get a grant. Gerry said the Supporter's will buy the auto-lift for the fire department.

--REA adjusting heater thermostats

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OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Patrick asked about big expenditures, what is the long-term outlook on the major assets for the fire department going forward? Bobby said the fire trucks are diesel with low mileage, so if we maintain them, they should last another 5 to 8 years. The ambulance Bobby is afraid we are looking at maybe a two-year life expectancy. Bobby said the last time he looked at the price for an ambulance it was close to \$300,000.00, but he will look for grants to help with that.

We discussed now that the bulletin board has been removed from the Post Office, how or where will we have our agendas available. According to our Transparency Notice we have the bulletin board out in front of the Fire Station as our public notice board. We have been posting our agendas at the fire station, the RFL Library & the Post Office.

ADJOURNMENT

Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Caryn seconded the motion, all approved, at 7:50pm.