

RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2022 at 6pm hybrid meeting
MINUTES

Meeting called to order: 6:13 pm

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

Brendon (Bobby) Hill, RFL Volunteer Fire Chief; Gerry Wagner, Fire Fighter & President of the Firehouse Supporters; Dan Defibaugh, RFL DEO (Designated Election Official) and Vice-President of the Firehouse Supporters

Review/Approval of last month's Minutes

Caryn made a motion to accept the minutes of April 12, 2022, Rebecca 2nd the motion, all approved

Financial Reports

As of April 30, 2022, the fire department has \$182,707.75 in the First National Bank and \$105,865.56 in the Colorado Trust for a total of \$288,573. 31.

For the month of April, the RFLFPD had an income of \$34,182.09. The expenses for April were Administration \$9,699.85, the Operating expense \$4,193.62 for a total expenditure in April of \$13,893.47 a net income of \$20,288.62.

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

Chief's Report

Chief Brenden (Bobby) Hill, for the month of April we ran 10 calls, all 10 were medical, none fire related. We are at 34 calls for the year.

The UTV is going to Ft. Collins on 5/23 for the decals & identifying information to be applied to the body, the estimated cost is around \$800.00.

Tender 1 and Engine 1 have completed their required maintenance and are ready for the summer. Tender 2 is still in Ft. Collins having work done on it, there is a hole in the intake in the tank that is being welded. Bobby thinks the estimated cost for this will be \$1500.00 To \$2,000.00. This is at a business called Supervac (SVI-Super Vac Incorporated). The business started with building fans that suck out smoke, then broadened their capabilities to fire trucks and fire equipment.

Squad 1, next week Gerry and Allen will remove the old light bar that no longer works as it should and put on the new light bar.

The grant we wrote for the power lifter we did not get approved for it. But we did get a lead on a Retac grant, a statewide grant. We might be able to get a power lifter second hand for a lot less than the \$27,000.00. We were approved for \$5,000.00 toward the power lifter, but we would need to use it right away. Bobby will follow up on this.

Larimer County Fire ban will be lifted tomorrow, May 11, 2022.

We are getting low on EMTs, Jan is the only EMT on the mountain full time, the other four work full time off the mountain. They communicate to try to make sure an EMT is covering the mountain. Bobby may ask for more money to send a new recruit for EMT training. Usually, we try to wait a year before sending new recruits to school, but we don't have much back up this summer. Evan Rau will be going to Paramedic school for \$9,000.00 to \$10,000.00 and EMT training is \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00. We budgeted \$14,000.00 this year for medical training.

Training we did this month was initial fire attack, pulling hose, putting the engine in pump & flowing water, we had a training on Tuesday then a practice at the lake on Saturday.

Supporter's Report

Gerry Wagner President of the Firehouse Supporters: The Supporters brought in \$1,525.00 in donations and \$18.93 through PayPal, for a total of \$1543.93. Our expenses were Gentec for \$3136.99, \$1362.68 at FC 4x4 for Squad 1 for the lights, and a trickle charger to replace one on Brush 2 \$72.54. We brought in \$1543.93 and spent \$4572.21 with an ending balance \$92469.55. The Supporters are still holding on to most of this for the SCBA unit and bottles.

OLD BUSINESS

- Generator & Microgrid Protocols update

Ryan Powell, PV REA Projects Coordinator; Poudre Valley REA completed the "final commissioning" on the microgrid, so it should run as anticipated. It all went as hoped for. Ryan passed on the testing procedures for the generator, that Jeremy Eldridge the engineer for the microgrid created. It is a simple 4 step procedure, that needs to be done once a month. Patrick will laminate the procedure and attach it to the generator. We are to let Ryan know if we have any problems during the test procedures.

PV REA is still working on the connection over to RFL Library for the microgrid. The connection should be upgraded soon, so then the screen will be live in the library, with what the microgrid is doing.

One additional issue is, our generator (is rated for 90 kw output but because of the elevation, the maximum output is 70 kw, so PVREA is planning to redo the programming to have the generator work at 60 kw to charge the microgrid) and because the 3 electric heaters installed in the fire station's bay use 30 kw, PVREA will reprogram the system to shut off the electric heaters when the microgrid is powering the fire station. Our original heat source was propane heat, when the microgrid kicks on (after a 2-minute delay) the heat source will be the propane heaters, then when the microgrid goes off the electric heaters will start back up turning off the propane heaters. The propane heaters are set at a lower temperature than the electric heaters. When the battery gets down to 20% charge the generator will kick on to recharge the battery.

Nancy made a motion to accept their plan of reprogramming the electric heater to go off when the microgrid starts. Caryn seconded the motion. All approved.

- Insurance Policies meeting Wed. 6/15

6:00 pm a hybrid meeting. Bobby and some of the firefighters will be in the fire barn, connected to the large screen tv. Vanessa will be on Zoom from Longmont, and we will send out a Zoom link for anyone else who wants to join by Zoom. We are going to have to post an agenda for this Insurance meeting at the three local posting places (USPO, Library, on bulletin board out front on fire barn) plus have Patrick up load the agenda to the website.

- Accept James Michalka's resignation from the board

Nancy made a motion to accept James Michalka's resignation as of May 3, 2022, Patrick 2nd the motion, all approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Appointment of Dan Defibaugh to board

Nancy made a motion that we accept Daniel Defibaugh's appointment to the Red Feather Lakes Fire Protection District's Board of Directors, Caryn 2nd the motion, all agreed.

- New elected Oaths

Patrick made a motion to appoint Brenden (Bobby) Hill Fire Chief, as oath administrator, Nancy 2nd the motion, all approved.

We all (Patrick Grissom, Caryn Hughes, Rebecca Ekart, Nancy Kay, & Daniel Defibaugh) stood, raising our right hands and recited the oath together. Bobby signed all the Oaths and we will take them and have them notarized and Nancy will collect them and send them off to DOLA and Larimer County Clerk & Recorder and to our Attorneys.

- Election of Officers

Patrick made a motion to nominate Daniel Defibaugh as our new Board President, Nancy 2nd, all approved. Nancy made a motion to nominate Patrick Grissom as Vice-President of the board, Caryn 2nd, all approved. Nancy made a motion to nominate Caryn Hughes as Treasurer of the RFL fire board, Rebecca 2nd, all approved. Caryn made a motion to nominate Nancy Kay as Secretary of the RFL fire board, Rebecca 2nd, all approved.

- Table for June 4th

Nancy will have a table for the Fire Department at the local information meeting at the POA from 9 -11 am. Bobby will send her pictures of the new vehicles and Nancy will have them on display along with other fire information. Patrick will send Nancy some pictures of ice training on Shagwa Lake.

- SDA Annual Regional workshop

Tuesday June 21,2022 at the Windsor/Severance at the fire department on 100 7th street from 8am – noon. The RFL FPD will pay for this unless you don't show up then you will have to reimburse the fire department the \$30.00. Caryn, Rebecca, Nancy, Dan, & Bobby have signed up to go to this seminar.

- Website

Colorado is the first state to require both state and local governments to meet web accessibility standards through [House Bill 21-1110](#) [New Window](#). On June 30, 2021, Colorado's Democratic governor Jared Polis signed House Bill 21-1110 into law. In brief, the law takes some protections that are already included in the federal [ADA act](#) and encodes them in state law. That means people will be able to bring a website accessibility lawsuit to a state court, not just a federal one, thereby making it easier to [sue a non-accessible government site](#).

We had discussed having Streamline maintain our website, Caryn will ask Madison their pricing and ask if she would join our board meeting to enlighten us all to what they would do. Caryn will invite Madison to join us by Zoom at our July board meeting.

Open board discussion

Caryn received a message from Jennifer Galamore at Airmed, for the renewal of the fire department's group membership, it expires on June 20, 2022.

Caryn mentioned Rick Robinson's memorial service on June 4, 2022, in the afternoon at the POA. Rick was instrumental in the formation of the RFL Volunteer Fire Department.

Bobby will have the fire fighters clean out the fire barn on Thursday 5/26 at 6pm for the Saturday Memorial Day craft fair.

Adjournment 8:21 pm Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nancy 2nd, all approved.