

**RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2023, 6 PM MEETING
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order: 6:01 pm

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

Present: Brendon (Bobby) Hill, RFL VFD Fire Chief; Gerry Wagner, FF & Firehouse Supporter's (501c3) President

Review/Approval of Minutes: The Oct. 10th meeting was done via telephone because the internet was down.

Caryn made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October meeting, Darla 2nd the motion, all approved.

Financial Report:

Caryn went over the Financial Report with us. The Financial Report, as of October 31, 2023.

In our account at First National we have \$148,430.17, in our Colo. Trust account we have \$270,026.63 for a total of \$418,456.80.

In the month of October our income was \$5,203.29; from taxes, Donations, Interest earned & Air Link.

In the month of October our expenses were Administration \$11,235.96, Operating Expenses \$6,535.30, No Capital Outlay expenses. Total expenses for October were \$17,771.26. Our net income was -12,567.97.

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

Chief's Report:

Chief Hill,

Last month we ran a total of 10 calls, 7 were medical & 2 were fire, 1 was an 'other' we are up to 122 for the year.

Med 1, a pneumatic pump for raising and lowering the bed has quit working, a new pump has been ordered for \$1,500.00.

We have ordered 3 new radios, which will cost about \$5,000.00.

Our training in the past week was with Crystal Lakes and we practiced using the SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) equipment.

Christmas Party, Saturday December 9th, 5pm arrival, 6pm dinner. At the POA building.

Supporter's Report:

Gerry Wagner, we started the month with \$71,017.73 donations were \$399.00 and PayPal was \$18.93 for a total income of \$417.93. Our expenses were a charge of \$48.99 for the mobile credit card swiper, which we used for over \$700.00 in sales. We paid the WIX domain name for \$14.95; we ended the month with \$71,371.72.

John Grose will be sending the Chief's letter and the solicitation letter to the printing company tomorrow or the next day. The letters are due to be mailed out the week after Thanksgiving.

OLD BUSINESS

Microgrid/generator

PVREA did some testing on the microgrid, this past month, we haven't heard their results.

FPPA

After discussing this among ourselves, we agreed to implement the fire fighter's increased pension plan, from \$400.00 a month to \$550.00 a month pension, with our assumed contribution remaining the same as it is now, \$30,000.00 from RFL FPD and \$7,000.00 from Colorado State Matching Grant.

Caryn moved to make a motion that the RFL FPD Board of Directors puts into place, FPPA's Plan C, for the new FPPA benefits for retirees, Starting as of January 1, 2024. Rebecca 2nd the motion, all approved.

Grading and Material for Fire House Lane

Caryn said that John Krakel couldn't find a truck to haul in the road base, so John could improve the road. This job will have to wait until next year.

Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 8-14)

Bobby said it went well last month.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget

Proposition HH failed, so we will go forward with the original budget.

Caryn based the projection of our main income from the County Assessor's August estimated property tax of \$321,993.11, this will be slightly modified in the November 28, 2023 assessment. As a non-profit entity, we are expected to spend what comes in, except what we put back for future equipment and maintenance.

The 2024 budget income will increase by \$97,028 from 2023; Our expenses for the 2024 budget are Administration will increase by \$35,148 from 2023 (the Station & Grounds, we will be updating both restrooms and adding a new stove to the kitchen and a new washer/dryer). Operating expenses will increase by \$9,900 (We will be getting a second Starlink mobile connection for Med. 1, as well as increasing repairs and maintenance on the vehicles) from 2023. Capital Outlay will be increased by \$85,050 compared to 2023. The new Squad 2, which we budgeted in 2023 with \$100,000.00 because of the lack of supplies, the truck was ordered in 2023 but won't be available until 2024, so we are transferring the budgeted \$100,000.00 from 2023 to budget year 2024. Our two main Capital Outlay expenses for the 2024 budget are a second 'side-by-side' and a second drone.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

none

MEETING ADJOURNED

Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7pm, Darla 2nd the motion, all approved.