

# RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## BOARD MEETING via ZOOM

OCTOBER 13, 2020

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 6:03

**ROLL CALL:** Robin Whittington, President; James Michalka, Vice-President; Caryn Hughes, Treasurer; Nancy Kay, Secretary; Kevin Zimmerman, Director

**Present:** Brenden (Bobby) Hill, RFL Fire Chief; Dan Alarcon, RFL Assistant Fire Chief; Evan Rau, RFL EMS Officer; Gerry Wagner, President of Firehouse Supporters; Dan Defibaugh, Vice-President Firehouse Supporters;

### **Approval of Minutes of September 2020**

Robin made a motion to accept the Minutes, Caryn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved

### **Financial Report**

Robin made a motion to accept the financials as received, Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved

### **Budget for 2021**

Caryn had emailed us the 2021 proposed budget with only the Income and Administration expenses. Caryn and Bobby will meet to discuss the proposed 2021 Operating expenses and Capital Outlay expenses anticipated for 2021 next month. We discussed the income and Administration's expenses. Caryn will bring it back with board suggestions next month.

### **Chief's Report**

We ran 6 calls for September 2020, 6 medical, 0 fire related calls compared to 18 calls in September 2019, 11 medical, 7 fire related calls. Bringing us to a total of 83 calls for 2020 compared to 93 calls in 2019.

A lot of effort has been put into the Cameron Peak fire. Many of the departments' projects and repair and maintenance have been delayed due to the time and effort we have been putting towards the fire. We will be spending the next several months catching up. However, we should be very proud of the efforts and accomplishments our department has done for this fire and fires in the future. With multiple fire lines that are in place in and around Red Feather. Many of which most people would not even know they exist.

A new pump had to be purchased, that brings water from Ramona Lake to the station. We are going to try and get it installed before winter sets in. The new pump should last 20 to 30 years.

This coming business meeting I will be gathering information for things we need to put in for next year's budget, then I will be working with Caryn to complete the budget for 2021.

The Department members do want to have an informal Christmas party this year at the POA building. Janice and Nyssa are going to be the party planners. I do feel that the department members have put a lot of effort this year and I would like to get each member an official badge along with another article of warm clothing with department logos on them. This will be more than budgeted but I think it is worth it for the hard work everybody has put in.

The ATV has been ordered and should be here sometime in November.

Robin asked about the fire mitigation around RFL and the Nokomis area, since we have a grant for fire mitigation in the Nokomis area. Bobby said due to the Cameron Peak Fire, there was a lot of help building fire lines and clearing out fire hazards. On the Quaintance Property and the Deer Creek Development, there is a bulldozer line from 73c to Nokomis it is an old road that has been cleared and cleaned of fire hazards. Also, West of the RFL school North to Crystal Lakes property line has had extensive fire mitigation work done. This fire mitigation work would have cost us hundreds of thousands of dollars, but it was done during the Cameron Peak fire. Bobby was the squeaky wheel advocating for this mitigation work for RFL's safety now and into the future. The fire breaks created through this fire, will be our RFL fire departments responsibility to maintain these fire breaks.

Storage and Irrigation trained Dan Alarcon to open the water gates for the flow of the water during the mandatory evacuation. Caryn will send a Thank you note to Storage and irrigation for being so generous with the water and training during this fire.

Bobby asked to have someone write Thank you notes to a car club that donated refrigerators to our fire department, along with a lot of food from Frederick Firestone. Dan will email the names of the people and clubs who donated to our fire department. Nancy will send a Thank you note.

### **Firehouse Supporters Report**

We seemed to have lost Gerry Wagner on this Zoom call. No report this month.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **PVREA**

Micro grid and the battery installation work will continue when RFL voluntary evacuation is over. RFL was under mandatory evacuation from September 20 to October 10, 2020. At the time of this Board meeting we are still under voluntary evacuation.

- **INTERSTATE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

Interstate had sent us a bid for the job of replacing the electric lights and fixtures. We had thought that the bids had been approved by PVREA, but Milton said the bids were too high for the Initial Investments of the Energy Audit. Nancy sent John Burnett the Interstate Service Manager, an apology to back out of the work agreement along with the email from Milton Geiger of PVREA, saying the work was not in the price range for PVREA to pay for. John and Milton will talk on the phone about the work and then send us another work bid.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Fire Station's water pump**

The Board voted to replace this pump on September 25, Caryn Hughes sent an email to the Board of Directors, in mandatory evacuation, making a motion and authorization for the RFL Fire Department to purchase and replace the water pump at Ramona Lake, needed for fighting the Cameron Peak fire. Jim Michalka 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, Nancy Kay agreed, the motion was passed with a majority of the Board. Jim asked the cost of this pump, Bobby said it was \$9,100.00 for the pump, then it will have to be installed. Robin asked all the Board for approval for this expense, we all agreed to this needed expense. Jim asked if this expense can be added to the list of expenses to be submitted for Federal reimbursement, due to the Cameron Peak fire.

## **Adjournment**

Robin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectively Submitted by

Nancy Kay