

**RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY APRIL 11, 2023, 6 PM HYBRID MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order:** 6:00 pm

**Roll call/Introductions: Present:** Daniel Defibaugh, President; Caryn Hughes, Treasurer; Rebecca Ekart, Director; Nancy Kay, Secretary  
Brenden (Bobby) Hill, RFL Fire Chief; Gerry Wagner, RFL FF & President of the Firehouse Supporters

**Guests:** Doug Race, CL & RFL FF & RFL DEO (Designated Election Official); Don Scheuerman and Cora Hall

**Review/Approve Minutes**

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

**Financial Report**

Caryn went over the financial report with us. As of the end of March, we have \$64,502.23 in our First National Bank account, and \$261,748.97 in our Colo Trust account, for a total of \$326,251.20. In March our income was \$75,436.48, from taxes, donations and interest earned. Our March expenses were Administration: \$7,777.90 Operation expenses: \$5,776.56 for repairs & maintenance of the vehicles, medical training & medical supplies. Capital Outlay was \$15,928.30 a drone for fire descriptions. Our total March expenses were \$29,482.76; our net income was \$45,953.72. Nancy made a motion to accept the financial report as received, Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved.

**Chief's Report**

Bobby gave us the Chief's report for March. We ran 7 calls, 6 were medical and 1 fire related, this brings us to 27 calls for the year to the end of March. SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) equipment that was ordered in September 2022 on a grant (\$50,000.00), we were sent the wrong packs, bottles & regulators, so Bobby sent them back. Bobby called the company and they are not sure where our equipment was sent, they are looking into it. We have a new member, Mike Bickner that just joined the fire department, he will be voted in next Tuesday at the Fire Department's business meeting. In the first four months of 2023 we have three new members. Bobby has been doing a lot of training on the new drone. A "Fire on the Plains" training is coming up and we have 3 members signed up to go to Sterling. StarLink is installed on Squad 1, Bobby hasn't lost internet anywhere in the area. Training this month was Wildland fire fighting. Bobby said he heard the grant we bought the SCBA equipment & 12 sets of bunker gear & the 12 pairs of boots, 18 fire hoods, 18 gloves, will be opening again soon, with \$4 million divided by 130 Colorado Volunteer fire departments, we should be able to get gear for our new members. Our EMS licensing has been through Larimer County, next year it will become a state license. Going from local government to state government will require more information & within 48 hours of the incident, Jan & Bobby are making plans for this.

**Support's Report**

Gerry gave us a report on the March activities of the Supporters our 501c3. March we brought in \$2,855.00 in check donations and \$18.93 in PayPal, we have \$99,451.80. Gerry said they didn't spend money in March but have already started spending in April. Bobby is getting a new computer (\$1,600.00) for the new programs; he will need to run. Four or five new helmets will be around \$2,000.00. The guy is supposed to come up to pull the pump in Ramona Lake to take down for repairs.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Microgrid/generator**

Gerry is taking care of the generator for the Microgrid. The generator still isn't able to start on automatic when it is cold, in the 20's and carry the new electric heaters in the fire barn. Gerry & Bobby are discussing insulating the shed with an intake vent for fresh air for the generator.

### **Credit card for the Board**

Caryn ordered the credit card for the board of directors.

### **FPPA**

Caryn has not heard back from FPPA about our proposed changes. Caryn will call for the information.

### **Exemption from Audit**

It was signed by each member of the board and Caryn priority mailed it off.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **811dig**

Dan signed up and registered to be the contact person annually.

### **Insurance for drone**

Liability insurance for the drone is automatically covered in the current policy, but if the district wants physical damage coverage for the drone, then we will need to give them more information. Bobby said the drone is covered by the company for a one-year warranty, with a deductible. We want to shop the insurance costs, to see what our insurance would charge for coverage after this year is up, to determine which way to go with the insurance in the future.

### **SDA Annual Regional Workshop**

Friday June 16, at Eaton, CO. 8:00AM to 12:30PM Eaton area Park and Recreation District 1675 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
\$35.00

### **New Board Member**

Don and Cora can talk together this month and let us know next month, who want to be on the board.

## **OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION**

**DEO – Doug Race**, The election was cancelled. Nancy will upload the election result to dola. At the next meeting in May (after May 2<sup>nd</sup>) the Oaths of Office need to be administered. We need to administer the Oaths at the end of the meeting, because if we administer the oaths at the beginning of the meeting, they will be new members and unable to take any action until the following month. Thank You Doug!!

**Vice-President**, Rebecca Ekart will step up to be Vice-President. Our new member will be a "Director". Dan nominated Rebecca as Vice-President, Caryn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all agreed.

We will have to figure out the change to emails.

**Memorial Day Craft Fair, May 27, 2023** Caryn brought this up, it is about 6 weeks away. Bobby said he would get the station cleaned up.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Caryn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM, Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all agreed.

Respectively Submitted by, Nancy Kay