

RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES

DECEMBER 8, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:01 pm

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

Brenden (Bobby) Hill, RFL Fire Chief; Daniel Alarcon, RFL Assistant-Fire Chief; Chad Tjeerdsma, EMS Officer & Webmaster; Gerry Wagner, President of Firehouse Supporters; Dan Defibaugh, Vice-President of Firehouse Supporters

Guest: Milton Geiger, Energy Resources Director PVREA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2020

Caryn made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 10th with the inclusion of the El Pomar Foundation name who awarded us with a \$10,000.00 check for the water pump and fuel used during the Cameron Peak Fire. Caryn submitted the receipts and a short summary of the uses. Jim Machalka 2nd the motion. All approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Caryn went through the November 30, 2020 financials with us. We have \$48,602.55 in our checking account and \$105,727.54 in our savings account for a total of \$154,330.00

Our income consisted of the \$10,000.00 grant (mentioned above), \$2,090.00 in donations and \$1,840.00 in taxes for a total income of \$13,942.40 for the month of November.

Our expenses for the month of November included our annual payment to FPPA (Fire & Police Pension Association) of \$24,235.00, some administrative fees & medical supplies for about \$3,000.00, utility fees \$1,319.34, vehicle up-keep for a total of \$2,183.75, water pump installation was \$1,485.00 (this will need more work. It should produce 800-1,000 gallons per minute, right now it is producing less than 200 gallons per minute. Gerry says it is a company out of Ft. Morgan and he has heard only good things about them, so Gerry is confident they will fix the water pump.) We bought an ATV for \$9,499.00. Our total expenses for November were \$44,225.79 all our expenses except the repair of the water pump were in our budget.

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

2021 BUDGET REVIEW

We will not be able to vote on the budget this month, because we forgot to put a notification in a local paper for the electors to look at the budget for 2021 and voice any objections. Nancy will have a notification done before the January meeting. Caryn did upload the Certification of Tax Levies for Non-School Governments (C.R.S. 39-5-128(1)) form that is required to be sent in by Dec. 15th each year. Caryn up-loaded it Dec. 6th.

So, the only changes we made since we discussed the 2021 budget last month are: we agreed to bump up the FPPA payment to \$30,000.00 from \$24,235.00 an increase of \$5,765.00, Bobby asked for a "side-by-side" vehicle for \$35,000.00 and this past month the Firehouse Supporters voted to transfer donations of \$25,000.00 to the Fire Department in 2021 for the Ambulance engine motor that needs to be rebuilt, which is budgeted. Caryn will have to modify the budget once again, to consider this money. Jim asked if line #3731 ESO Setup is still being set up, or if we should rename that line as just ESO by removing the word setup.

CHIEF'S REPORT

For November we ran a total of 4 calls, 3 were fire related calls and 1 was medical. That brought us to a total of 101 calls for 2020. Compared to 11 calls last November, 4 fire related and 7 medicals, with a total for last year through November of 115 calls.

This January, the fire department will have new officers. The elections for the new officers will be next Tuesday, December 15, at the fire departments business meeting. At this point all the nominations are running uncontested, this is the nomination list for now. Bobby will be the Fire Chief, Dan Alarcon will be the Assistant Fire Chief, Chad Tjeerdsma will be the EMS Officer, Evan Rau will be our Training Officer, Mark Rhode will be Administration Officer; this is the Leadership of the RFL Volunteer Fire Department for 2021. Bobby introduced Chad Tjeerdsma to the Board: Chad works with Bobby on the Thornton Fire Department for 24 years as a Paramedic/Fire fighter. Chad has been the SAM (Safety and Medical) Officer for the last 5 years. Chad lives in Red Feather Lakes full time, he works in Thornton 2 days on, 4 days off. Bobby & Chad work opposite shifts in Thornton, so one of them will usually always be available.

The Cameron Peak Fire is 100% contained. Our RFL fire department put in 112 days of active service on the fire. Fire lines will be maintained for future local fires. RFL fire department will be reimbursed money for the use of the fire station, use of the water, internet usage, as well as many more items, to a price of \$17,000.00. Out of this money RFL Fire Department will pay Red Feather Storage and Irrigation \$2,250.00 for 900,000 gallons of water out of Hiawatha Lake.

The new water pump was mentioned above.

Bobby ordered Christmas presents for the RFL Fire Department, they are badges for everybody, and challenge coins. They are going to have a mask wearing, social distancing get-together next Tuesday December 12, to hand out these Christmas presents.

Bobby did pick up the ATV, and it rides in the back of the new Squad 1 truck.

Tomorrow all the Colorado Fire Chiefs will join a Zoom meeting with Governor Polis, to discuss the Coronavirus and the distribution of the vaccine.

Bobby ordered an inflatable rescue boat, also for use in ice rescue & open water rescue. CO detectors and gas detectors have been ordered, for inside structures. In the last month, between Crystal Lakes & Red Feather, the fire department has run 3 Carbon Monoxide and propane leak investigations. This is what the 3 fire related runs were. The detectors we had, have recently expired.

Mark Zigray is heading up the investigation and buying of exercise equipment for the fire department, that is in the 2020 budget.

Bobby is working on purchasing the extrication equipment and struts.

We have two new members, Jake Meeks, and John Johnson.

OLD BUSINESS

A. MICROGRID AND BATTERY PROGRESS

Milton Geiger of PVREA gave us a brief update. The electricians moved the meter off the pole to the side of the building away from any possible damage. They added an extra breaker box for use with the generator being hooked up to the battery. They swapped out the transformers, they were older transformers. There is a "smart box" built and manufactured in Ft. Collins, that will be a connection to the Tesla battery & to the building and generator. Next Monday the battery will go in and be hooked up during the week by Namaste Solar. PVREA hopes to "commission" the battery on Dec. 21, 2020, running a few tests on it. The battery will

cover the fire station only through the winter, next spring when PVREA can do some underground work in RFL, then the Village will be connected to the battery back-up system. Everything has been going smoothly.

B. FIRE HOUSE ENERGY AUDIT WORK PROGRESS

Milton Geiger of PVREA gave us a brief update. The lights in the fire station meeting room have been replaced with brighter lights. The electricians will be working in the fire truck bays very soon, replacing the lights for more efficient lights and adding the destratification fans. The trucks will need to be moved out for the lift to be used in the bays. Milton will work with us, to teach us how to use the off-peak programable heater thermostats. PVREA is going to put (at their cost) energy monitors on the different heater unit circuits, to monitor the different circuits to see exactly what the heaters are using for energy, and if it is truly more energy efficient to use the electric heaters as opposed to the propane heat. We also will have access to these emporium meters. Milton said they are planning to put these meters on the heaters, the destratification fans and the lights; *if we want these meters put on anything else, let him know.*

After the electricians are done; L&L will come in to work on the insulation improvements in the fire station, probably in January. L&L will blow-in insulation along the top beam and in the ambulance bay and in the room and air seal the area between the ambulance bay and the fire truck bay.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIRE PREVENTION POSTERS

Postpone to camping season

B. RECRUITING

Bobby mentioned our two new recruits in his Chief's Report

C. FIRE MITIGATION PROGRESS

Gerry said Allen Sagert said he can finish the Nokomis Fire Mitigation by April 2021, but this was before the evacuation of the Cameron Peak Fire. Gerry said he will be able to file for a ninety day extension due to the Cameron Peak Fire.

FIRE SUPPORTER'S UPDATE

Gerry Wagner the President of the Firehouse Supporters said, they \$28,867.67 in their bank account now. He just wrote a check for \$848.00 for the mailing of the end of year letters to RFL Residents. The Supporter's website is up: rflfjdsupporters.com they have added a bill pay option on their website. Gerry and Chad will also work on updating the fire department's website with a pay option. Gerry said they sent out 959 solicitation letters, at 88.4 cents each. The Supporter's are signed up with Amazon smile, half a percent will go to the Supporters. The Supporter's Board voted to spend \$25,000.00 in 2021 on the Ambulance's needed repairs.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Nancy apologized for not yet having written the thank you letters for the two new donated refrigerators to the Fire Department and the cash gifts of \$1150.00 and the \$350.00 worth of socks from Red wing Boots of Ft. Collins.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nancy 2nd the motion, all agreed. Meeting adjourned: 7:28 pm

Respectively submitted by Nancy Kay