

**RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2022 at 6PM HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order: 6:07 PM

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

Present: Brenden (Bobby) Hill, RFL Fire Chief; Daniel Alarcon, RFL Asst. Fire Chief; Gerry Wagner, President of Firehouse Supporters (501c3)

Review/Approval of Minutes

Caryn made a motion to accept the Minutes of October 11 board meeting, Rebecca 2nd the motion. All approved.

Financial Report

Caryn discussed the Financial Report for the month of October 2022.

As of October 31, in our First National Bank account we had \$205,835.21; in our Colorado Trust account \$157,218.55.

Our October income was \$6,322.46; \$4,589.28 from taxes, donation of \$500.00, Interest of \$427.38 and AirLink \$805.80. Our October expenses were Administration \$10,392.73; Operating \$5,248.13; Capitol Outlay \$3,060.66 for a total expense in October of \$18,701.52.

For a net loss of \$12,379.06

Nancy made a motion to accept the Financial Report as received, Patrick 2nd the motion. All approved.

Chief's Report

Bobby hadn't joined the meeting yet, so Dan Alarcon started the Chief's Report, then Gerry suggested he merge the Chief's report with the Supporter's report.

We ran 17 calls in October, 10 medical and 7 fire or assist, as of today we have run 132 calls. In 9 years, 140 were the most calls run in a year.

Dan reminded us, the Christmas Dinner will be at the POA on Friday at 5pm, December 16th. The choices are brisket or chicken.

This year for the gifts for the fire fighters & EMTs, will be shirts, hats and a heavy-duty reflective jacket.

Training this month was on the SCBA.

Supporter's Report

Gerry Wagner reported that we got the pram lift installed, the total cost for this so far paid for by the Supporter's is \$30,096.22. Gerry and Dan said it is great, it helpful.

We spent \$1525.00 servicing the SCBAs. The compressor will fill the bottles to 4900 lbs. of pressure.

In our First National Bank we have \$42,747.90 and in PayPal we have \$13,422.40 for a total of \$56,170.30.

Gerry is planning to get the Supporter's letter out to community members, at the latest by the Monday after Thanksgiving. They send out about 800 letters, that costs about \$1.29 a letter.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Microgrid – Generator**

When it is cold the generator can't maintain the electric with the three electric heaters running. Patrick has only tested this once so far but will run a few more tests when the temperatures drop.

- **El Pomar Foundation grant**

Rebecca and Bobby will meet this Friday to go over the costs of some radios Bobby wants for the department. This grant is due December 14.

- **Budget**

Caryn had sent the proposed budget out to all of us a few days ago, so we could look it over and come to the board meeting with our questions & comments. A big expense in Capital Outlay is line item 5500 or maybe Caryn will make it 5560 for \$100,000.00 for a new Squad 2. Caryn asked Bobby why we need a new vehicle when we have an old vehicle. Why do we not use the old vehicle? The big red service truck, it doesn't start very well, it doesn't run very well and when it does there is something that goes wrong with it. It is not functional for what we need. The heater & air conditioner don't work. It is not set up and functional for what it needs to do, such as, all our technical rescue equipment is scattered throughout different vehicles, and we need a place to put it all in one vehicle. That can be dispatched to any calls that are outside of any normal medical, structure or wildland fires. We run many other types of calls and it takes a long time to gather all the needed equipment (ice rescue, low angle rescue-car rolls down a hill, vehicle extrication, search & rescue, hazmat, all that equipment is on different trucks) to put on a vehicle to respond quickly. It either takes people to load the truck before leaving the fire station or it takes multiply vehicles and multiple people to get all the equipment to a call.

\$40,000.00 for a vehicle extrication equipment that can be used by one person as opposed to what we have now that we need three people to use it.

\$2,500.00 for a gas detector. This one piece of equipment can detect 4 different gasses, what we have now are four different pieces of equipment that each detect a certain specific gas each.

\$15,000.00 for a drone. This drone has a 12-mile radius line of sight. This should help with an over all view of some emergency calls. This money covers the equipment, the license, and the training.

Patrick brought fire mitigation up for next year, Bobby suggested PR & Education for next year. We added \$1,000.00 in line item #3940.

Adobe Acrobat Pro \$240.00 annually. It allows us to get online signatures. We will test this for this year's budget.

Nancy will send in a Budget Notice to the North Forty News, that the RFLFPD 2023 budget is available for RFL community members to view and state an objection or ask a question. Before it is voted to be accepted at our December board meeting. We will post a hard copy at the bulletin board out front of the fire station and Patrick will post it on the website, once Caryn updates all our comments.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Starlink** – We added \$2,000.00 to our 2023 budget for the software in line item #4540 Communications and for the hardware in line item# 5100 \$1,000.00 in Capital Outlay Communications. We may have to wait 60-90 days to receive the equipment. Standard dish is \$600.00, the mobile RV unit is \$2500.00. Patrick said it will be the 1st month, hardware, S&H, tax for \$2644.62. \$135.00 per month.

Nancy made a motion to apply for the Star Link package and Service at this time so we can be up and going in January 2023, Rebecca 2nd the motion. All approved.

Open Board Discussion

Nancy mentioned with the county not plowing from 7pm to 4am, will PV Hospital's ambulance be able to rendezvous with RFL ambulance up here if the roads are not plowed. Will our ambulance need squad 1 to plow the road for RFL ambulance to meet up with PVH ambulance.

Nancy did apply for the State Matching Grant from dola for money toward FPPA pensions.

DEO – Caryn & Patrick will ask Joseph R. who is new to RFL. If he would be interested.

Caryn asked about transferring money from our checking account to our savings account. Caryn will transfer \$100,000.00 this month of November.

Patrick ordered the Star Link at our meeting.

Adjournment 8:17 PM Patrick made the motion to adjourn, Nancy 2nd. All approved.

Respectively submitted by

Nancy Kay