

**RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 11, 2022 at 6 PM HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order 6:03pm

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; Gerry Wagner, President of Firehouse Supporters

Review/Approval of Minutes Rebecca made a motion to approve the minutes, Dan 2nd the motion, all approved

Financial Reports Nancy made a motion to approve the September Financial Report, Patrick 2nd the motion, all approved
We have \$218,641.64 at First National Bank and \$156,791.17 in our Colorado Trust account for a total of \$375,432.17

Our income for September was \$6,322.45; \$5,385.15 from taxes, \$337.30 interest earned and \$600.00 from Poudre Valley REA for the Micro-grid.

Our September expenses were Administration \$3,630.34, Operating \$927.93 total expenses \$4,558.18

We had a net income of \$1,764.18

The only out of the ordinary transaction was the \$325.94 for Fire Prevention week (October 9-14). The RFL Fire Department visited the RFL Elementary school (this year on Wednesday 10/12) dressed in their bunker gear, so the kids can meet the fire fighters.

Patrick mentioned that we should move money from the checking account to the savings account to receive even a small amount of interest, after we hear what Bobby will be needing, we will decide how much to move.

Chief's Report Bobby told us for September they ran 20 total calls, 13 were medical and 7 were fire related. Most of the fire related calls were campfires that got out of control by hunters or property owners. All were extinguished quickly and remained small.

We finalized the Christmas dinner, it will be Friday December 16, 5pm will be an open bar with dinner served at 6pm. This year it will be at the POA this year.

The ambulance's power lift that has been ordered for quite some time, half of it has arrived. We must get that installed on to the pram (cot). The other half is to be installed in the ambulance when we get it.

The pump at the lake is not working properly, we are working on it with the guy who installed it. We think it is clogged, so one of the fire fighters will do some snorkeling to see if we can get it unclogged. We are hoping that is the problem.

Tomorrow we will go to the school to talk about smoke detectors and doing fire exit drills at home, show them the fire trucks.

All the grant equipment, SCBA, the bunker gear-gloves, hoods, boots have all been ordered.

Training this month was vehicle extrication, Keith Craven at Fred Barlow's property behind Ponderosa Realty, provides the fire departments (RFL & CL) with a junked car, for the fire fighters to practice extrication on.

Patrick brought up that last Sunday, Larimer County Health Department had a meeting at the POA. The community was asked what their concerns were. Fire was brought up the most. Lea Mickelson at the RFL Elementary school brought up that the school had a fire evacuation drill but no evacuation plans for a wildfire. If there was a wildfire during school, often, the bus driver is not at the school. The elementary school are training some employees to drive the bus. They would most likely have to drive to Livermore school.

Supporter's Report

Gerry Wagner, the supporter had one big outlay \$14,136.96 for new air bottles. Our bank account has \$73,824.39, our PayPal has \$13,403.47 for a total of \$87,227.86. We are planning to be spending about 30k for the pram lifts. This should still leave us with about 50k at the end of the year.

Gerry asked Bobby for the end of the year letter, that will be going out to the community for donations to the Supporter's for community members use as tax deductions.

Sea Western looked at our SCBA compressor and said they can bring the compressor up to standard, to fill our air bottles for the packs. Now we only can fill the air bottles to a low pressure, but with some different parts we will be able to fill the air bottles to a higher pressure, to hold more air. Before the Sea Western rep we thought we were going to have to buy a new compressor at 50+k. We are also looking into a fill station for this, so if the bottles explode, it will be contained.

OLD BUSINESS

■ **SDA Annual Colorado Conference**

Education for homeowners for fire mitigation of their properties, was the big take away from the conference. If we could get a group of volunteers to educate, train or help those who can't do the work, get their properties cleaned up.

■ **Website**

Patrick said is little to do with the new website except a little clean up. Streamline is our website hosting company. Rss feeds could be automatically sent to our website.

■ **Microgrid**

Patrick will try next Saturday it will be in the twenty degrees. When it is cold the generator doesn't run well.

NEW BUSINESS

■ **Rebecca & the El Pomar Foundation's grants**

December 14 is the next deadline for a grant. Bobby asked Rebecca to try to get radios for us. Rebecca & Bobby will get together to discuss this.

■ **Fire Prevention Week**

Bobby, Dan, Allen & Jan maybe one or two more fire fighters will be going to the school tomorrow.

■ **Budget**

This was the first time of going over the budget together. Caryn and Bobby had an initial discussion. We discussed the budget for about an hour, Caryn will update this for next month's discussion.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Patrick brought up that Starlink is now making mobile internet connections for RVs. Pat said the price is more per month (\$160.00/ month) but the equipment is the same. We will add this to the budget.

Marian Kelly with Crystal Lakes is PIO (Public Information Officer). Bobby said, she is speaking to RFL community as well as CL, Bobby wants to ask her to add RFL to her Nextdoor posts for community fire information.

ADJOURNMENT 9:14pm