

# RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JUNE 9, 2020 -- ZOOM MEETING

## MINUTES

**Call to order** 6:06 PM

**Roll Call:** Robin Whittington, Vice-President; Jim Michalka, Director; Caryn Hughes, Treasurer; Nancy Kay, Secretary

**Present:** Brendon Hill, RFL Fire Chief; Daniel Alarcon, RFL Assistant Fire Chief; Evan Rau, RFL EMS Officer; Kevin Zimmerman, resident; Gerry Wagner, RFL Fire House Supporter's President; David White, Vice President, Member and Government Relations for PVREA; Milton Geiger, Energy Resources Director for PVREA

### **Approval of May 12 Minutes**

Caryn made a motion to accept the Minutes, Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>, all agreed.

### **Financial Reports**

In our First National Bank checking we have \$81,102.87 in our Colo Trust we have \$105,574.24 for a total of \$186,677.11 as of May 31, 2020. Our second new truck has been picked up at a cost of \$67,079.00 plus fitting attachments, along with insuring both vehicles at approximately \$844.00 each annually.

Jim made a motion to accept the financial report, Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved.

### **Chief's Report**

We ran 13 calls for May 2020, 10 medical, 3 fire related calls compared to 11 calls in May 2019, 10 medical, 1 fire related call. Bringing us to a total of 36 calls for 2020 compared to 34 calls in 2019.

Squad one is in service and is complete with just some minor things to be done to it, however it is running calls and has been of great use already. Brush one went into service on May 31, however it still has a lot of work to be done on it. Both trucks will be going to the 4 X4 shop and having more stuff installed on them, such as mud flaps, running boards, winches, snowplow, and a front bumper on the brush truck. This will happen the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Training with Crystal Lakes is still going well, we are back working together in person. For the month of May we were focused on water supply for the initial attacking engine.

ESO has been live for a month now and it is going great. Most of the crew are catching on quickly, however there is still a lot of training and experience using the program that needs to happen and we are working on it. They are still working to transfer the information from the older system, the Emergency Reporting System to the new ESO system.

Most of the RETAK grant stuff that we were awarded has arrived just waiting on the medium size respirators. The decontamination foggers are working great and is going to be a great piece of equipment to clean the station and all the equipment including the ambulance. Bobby offered to any of us or anyone on the mountain that has a virus infested home, the fire department can fog their house. This is like Lysol. Contact Bobby, Dan, or Evan for more information.

Bobby said the fire ban on Forest Service land will remain in effect throughout 2020, fires are allowed in campground fire pits and on private land, but not in dispersed camping.

The Supporters did purchase us a laptop and it is being put to good use, thank you Supporters.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **RFLFD Supporters report – given by Gerry Wagner**

The Supporter have not yet been reinstated as a 501c3 non-profit. May 20<sup>th</sup> the third Wednesday of each month is the Supporters meetings, May through October at 4 pm at the Fire Station or on Zoom. The first meeting of the year (May) they officially elected Gerry Wagner as President of the Supporters. Dan Defibaugh is Vice President, Cris Meeks is the Treasurer, John Grose is the Secretary. Bob Getts joined the Supporters. Gerry brought up Fire Day (Labor Day weekend) is it to soon for the Supporters to start planning, could it be canceled? Caryn as the RFL Community Association Manager (previously Property Owners Association POA), mentioned how the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations here were canceled. She said, Larimer County Health Department denied her request for variance, saying that no crowd greater than 50 could gather. The craft fair and the fireworks were both canceled for 4<sup>th</sup> of July due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Caryn said a few crafters have asked for refunds for Labor Day weekend. Bobby, Gerry, and Caryn discussed whether to have fireworks Labor Day weekend, but they decided not to.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Fred Ballard's resignation as President**

Fred turned in his resignation on May 29, 2020 as President of the RFL Fire Board. Caryn made a motion to accepted Fred's resignation, Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Robin agreed to step in as President. Nancy made a motion to accept Robin as President of the Fire Board, Caryn 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Robin made a motion for Jim to step in as the vice-President of the Fire Board, Caryn 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Kevin agreed to join the Fire Board. Caryn made a motion for Kevin Zimmerman to join the Fire Board, Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

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

### **PVREA Battery Storage Contract**

David White of PVREA addressed the Board about the contract for the battery Storage unit for the resiliency microgrid project with Poudre Valley REA (PVREA). PVREA was fine with the changes our Attorney John Chmil made to PVREA's letter of agreement. The land (at the largest) will be 12' X 20' and 6' or 7' tall building to house the battery, it will be on the South side of the Fire Station. PVREA will pay RFL FPD a onetime upfront payment of \$500.00 and \$600.00 annually for a ten year period, then it would renew annually until there was a termination by either party. When there is a loss of grid power, the fire station as well as other local buildings in RFL Village would draw their power from the battery; then once the battery became somewhat depleted, then we would fall back on the fire department's generator to replenish the battery's energy. PVREA would take care of the maintenance & upkeep of the battery, but the maintenance and upkeep of the generator would still be the responsibility of RFLFPD.

The Board, Fire Chief Hill and Assistant Fire Chief Alarcon, Evan Rau, Gerry Wagner & Kevin Zimmerman, after David White and Milton Geiger left the zoom meeting; we were left to discuss the pros & cons and whether we wanted to sign the contract. No one was against signing this contract with PVREA.

Caryn made a motion to proceed with signing the PVREA battery contract, Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All approved.

### **Energy Audit agreement letter**

Milton Geiger of PVREA spoke to define the purpose of the Energy Audit and its relation to the microgrid project. The Energy Audit was a complimentary review of the RFL Fire Station's energy efficiency. If we are going to invest to put a battery at the fire station, it defeats the purpose to run inefficient lights and other resources that are wasting energy. If we want the battery to last longer, we should make cost effective up grades.

### **Up grade zoom to Pro**

Jim asked to have the fire department pay for Nancy to subscribe to Zoom Pro, so we are not limited to a forty minute meeting then must rejoin another Zoom meeting by email links to continue the meeting. Caryn agreed to have the fire department reimburse the Zoom cost, Robin agreed it would be more convenient for everybody. We all agreed to continue our Board meetings via Zoom until we can safely meet again.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Caryn 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. At 7:19 pm.

Respectively submitted by

Nancy Kay