

**RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, AT 7 PM HYBRID MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:10pm

**Roll Call/Introductions:**

**Present:** Dan Defibaugh, President; Rebecca Ekart, Vice-President; Caryn Hughes, Treasurer; Darla Moxon, Director; Nancy Kay, Secretary

**Present:** Brenden (Bobby) Hill, RFL Fire Chief; Gerry Wagner, FF & President of the Firehouse (501c3) Supporters

**Review/Approve of Minutes:**

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

**Financial Report:**

As of August 31; we had \$166,247.98 in checking and \$267,548.40 in savings, for a total of \$433,796.38. In the month of August, we had an income of \$11,633.03. \$9,427.24 from taxes, \$50.00 from donations, \$1,235.40 interest earned, \$335.40 from Air Link, and \$600.00 from REA for the Micro-grid.

August's expenses were Administration \$2,632.25, Operating expenses \$10,599.56 and Capital Outlay was \$643.93. Our net income was -\$2,242.71.

Dan accepted the financial report as received, Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

**Chief's Report:**

Chief Hill: We ran 17 calls in August; 10 medical, 1 fire, and 6 calls as other, some were assisting in search & Rescue calls. We are up to 98 calls for the year.

Tender 1, we have received and replaced the valves we needed. All our Front Line vehicles are working good.

Fire Day went well.

We bought a new weight bench for the station and the Supporter's bought the Fire Department a new tread mill.

Website is ADA accessible.

Squad 2, we had budgeted \$100,000.00 for this year. Bobby went down last week to order it and the estimated receiving date would be next summer. We will just have to re-budget for it in the 2024 budget.

State Grant, Bobby applied for 7 sets of bunker-gear; coats & Jackets, boots, & hoods. This will outfit our new members and our upcoming Explorers who will be of age to join the fire department and an Explorer, who participates in the training, and I want to keep her safe. Also, I put in for 4-SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) packs, and 8 bottles(for oxygen) and 20 masks (for use with the SCBAs) this way we won't have to share masks, everyone will have their own that fits. Plus, 25 sets of Tech rescue gear, which is a jacket & Pants that are designed for light weight MVA (Motor Vehicle Accident), medical calls, search & rescue and they are easily washed. This grant request came to \$84,000.00. We should hear in the next couple weeks if we get this grant.

This month's training has been the Initial Fire attack, everything we have been learning for the last few months and put into one big scenario, it went really good. Bobby is really impressed with the guys and the gals we have now, they are really solid people, they are working hard, and training regularly and learning well.

## **Supporter's Report:**

Gerry Wagner, Fire Day went well. On the booth rentals we brought in \$2185. our table brought in \$2610. The lunch brought in \$745. And the boots brought in \$550. So all together we brought in \$5,089 and we spent \$894.00 on shirts and hats (hats did not sell that well), \$300.55 for lunch, \$185.00 for various items, such as the big board with the pictures of the equipment the Supporter's bought for the Fire Department this past year, our total expenses of \$2379.56 so we made \$2709.00. Caryn has another spread sheet of income to give to Gerry for Fire Day, so the net income will be more than today's listings. We bought the tread mill for \$2,099.00; we bought two 5-inch valves for tender 1 \$3,687.19. Between PayPal and fnbo we have \$65,973.80.

Gerry called Mike at Summit Brothers to replace the windows in the Fire barn.

## **Microgrid/generator**

It works fine when the temperature is above 38 degrees. We are still looking into this.

## **FPPA**

Caryn has been talking a lot to FPPA, to Ahni Smith. Our plan is for the first 10 years of full-time service, the pension will be \$200.00 a month, and for each year after the 10 years is a \$200.00 increase, so our current plan is \$400.00. Caryn proposed 3 additional plans: Plan A \$450.00, Plan B \$500.00, and Plan C \$550.00. We all will have to read the Actuarial Valuation Report Caryn sent us. It was suggested that we read and have questions written down. If we go with Plan C just how much would we have to pay annually.

## **Grading and materials for Firehouse Lane**

Caryn has not heard back from John Krakel on an alternative road base from recycled asphalt.

## **2023 SDA Annual Conference at Keystone September 12 – 14**

Caryn is at the conference as we speak. She went to a workshop today; it was about budgeting. Basically, Caryn learned she is going to have to put together 2 budgets, because of Proposition HH which will be on the November 7, 2023, ballot. Proposition HH is attempting to reduce property taxes, hence lowering the amount of income we as a Fire protection District receive.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **How did Fire Day go?**

This is mentioned in Gerry's Supporter's Report.

### **Fire Prevention Week (October 8-14)**

July 10, 2023 – The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) — the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ for more than 100 years —has announced “**Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention™**” as the theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 8-14, 2023.

Why is fire prevention week in October?

The Great Chicago Fire burned between October 8th to October 10, 1871, with most of the damage done on October 9th. The fire caused roughly \$200 million in damages, killing around 300 people, and destroying over 17,000 buildings and structures.

Dan Alarcon the RFL Assistant Fire Chief will arrange for this. They plan to go on Thursday October 12 at noon.

## **OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION**

### **Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes)**

Bobby sent out a Disaster & Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement throughout the county and part of Wyoming's near counties, that Bobby is in support of signing. We have had this agreement, but it has been amended and updated and needs to be signed again.

Bobby also brought up the county is applying for a Federal CWPP (Community Wildland Protection Plan) for the mountain area. They want to refer to it as the Red Feather Lakes Area. Gerry will look for our old CWPP, maybe it is under 10 years. The county will train our fire fighters on how to inform a homeowner on mitigating their property.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** Caryn made a motion to adjourn at 8:26pm, Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all agreed.