# RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TUESDAY DECEMBER 10, 2024, 6 PM HYBRID MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order: 6:01 pm

Roll Call/Introductions: Present: Dan Defibaugh, President; Darla Moxon, Vice-President;

Caryn Hughes, Treasurer; Nancy Kay, Secretary **Excused Absent (sick):** Brenda Lewis, Director

**Present:** Gerry Wagner, FF & President of the Firehouse Supporters (501c3)

Guest: Joel Bogen

#### **Review/Approve of Minutes:**

Caryn made a motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2024, Darla 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved.

#### **Financial Report:**

Caryn went through the November financial statement with us.

We have \$125,978.79 in our checking account and \$286,200.12 in our savings account for a total of \$412.178.91.

For the month of November, we had income from taxes of \$1,975.05, a donation of \$100.00 and earned interest of \$1,139.47 for a total income of \$3,214.52.

Our expenses for November were Administration \$2,241.61, Operating Expense was \$3,065.78 and our Capital Outlay was for a new computer at \$1,063.19, PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) \$599.66 and work on the generator \$3,009.00 for a total Capital Outlay of \$4,671.75. Our total expenses for the end of November were \$9,979.14. Our Net Income was -\$6,764.62.

Nancy made a motion to accept the financial report with the one correction in Line item #3510 to move to Line #4450, Darla  $2^{nd}$ , all approved.

#### **Chief's Report:**

Chief Brenden (Bobby) Hill is working tonight, Gerry will give the Chief's report.

In November we had 6 medical and 1 fire related calls, we are at 122 calls to date. Gerry said we average about 130 calls a year. We discussed the Ambulance calls to Crystal Lakes and in Red Feather, Gerry said at years end he will investigate the ESO (Emergency Management Software for EMS & Fire agencies to collect, share, report and analyze critical information.)

Christmas Party, Saturday, December 14,2024, 5 pm meet & greet, 6 pm eat, white elephant gift exchange.

The training was done along with Crystal Lakes FD, it was a cold-weather rescue. Gerry was not there, so he could not give us any more information than that.

#### **Supporter's Report:**

Gerry went over the Supporter's activities for November with us.

We started November \$96,399.31; we had check donations of \$2,148.00 and PayPal brought in \$18.93 for a total of \$2,166.93. Part of the donations were from a Spaniel Dog Club from Brighten, CO., while at a dog show in Greeley. They donated \$140.00 to canine resuscitation equipment; it is called a canine medical kit & a canine first aid kit. We had total expenses of \$191.64, for a Net of \$98374.60.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Microgrid/generator

Gerry checks and maintains the Fire department generator. Collins Control came up to work on the generator a week or two ago. He changed out the carburetors, it changed the running capability of

the generator, however, it will not maintain a high rpm. We came to the conclusion, which we had previously believed 3 years ago, that the vaporizer can't create enough fuel to keep the generator running at a high rpm at this altitude. So, we did not put the new motherboard in, because once we put it in, we could not return it.

Collins Control does not sell generators but can only service them. They gave Gerry the name of a company that carries the big generators.

Gerry got hold of PV REA (the microgrid's owners) to find the specific kilowatts needed, so we need only look at the generators that can carry the load of the microgrid and fire station. Gerry looked online and a 100-kw diesel will cost about \$32,000 and a 150-kw diesel is \$38,000. We hope to trade in our current generator for the new one with a cut in the price.

The 5000psi compressor for the SCBA bottles died on us. Gerry and Bobby investigated this, and it would be \$5,000 to fix it and \$20,000 to replace it. Seawestern Fire Equipment can get us a well-used one for under \$20,000. Until we get a new used compressor Crystal Lakes will fill our bottles.

## **Budget (2025)**

Caryn is going over the changes in the budget we discussed last month. Caryn updated the budget with the checking and savings balances with the most recent updates she had. Caryn posted the updated budget on the bulletin board out in front of the fire station on December 1, 2024, to be available to the public for viewing as the notice in the North Forty News announced. No one left any messages about the budget on the telephone answering machine. available to the public for viewing as the notice in the North Forty News announced. No one left any messages about the budget on the telephone answering machine.

Total income expected for 2025------\$329,460.65; Admin Expense expected for 2025-----\$135,439.00; Operating Expense expected for 2025----\$70,050.00; Capital Outlay expected for 2025-----\$107,500.00; Capital Reserve expected for 2025-----\$16,471.65; Total Expenses expected for 2025-----\$329,460.65

Nancy made a motion to accept the budget as Caryn presented for 2025, Darla 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

We now have an adopted, approved budget and now Dan will sign it.

Caryn also updated the Budget Message.

Dan is also signing the two resolutions (the resolution to adopt the budget & to appropriate sums of money), then Nancy will fill out and include the dlg70 form and upload the bundle to the state's department of local government website.

## **FPPA (Fire Police Pension Association)**

Nancy had filled out the form to apply for the State Matching Grant for FPPA. We did receive the matching grant; how much was not said at this time. They do not send it to us, the state sends it directly to FPPA for us.

## **DEO (Designated Election Official)**

Dan spoke to Brenda today and Brenda said Michelle is still planning to be our DEO (Designated Election Official) for our May 6, 2025, election.

# CTA (Corporate Transparency Act)

Dan reached out to the Board's Attorney and because we are a governmental entity, we are exempt.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **Furnace maintenance**

Nancy will call Grant's to arrange for them to come up and clean and oil the furnace. Gerry will change the furnace filters tonight, then Grant's will not need to replace them. The filters are (20 X 25) in the size.

# **Christmas Party**

Saturday, December 14, at the POA, 5 pm meet & greet then 6 pm eat. Followed by a White Elephant gift exchange.

# **OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION**

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

None

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Caryn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm, Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.