

**RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2024, at 6 PM HYBRID MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:00 pm

**Roll Call/Introductions: Present:** Dan Defibaugh, President; Caryn Hughes, Treasurer; Darla Moxon, Director; Nancy Kay, Secretary; **Absent:** Rebecca Ekart, Vice-President  
**Present:** Brenden (Bobby) Hill, RFL Fire Chief; Gerry Wagner, FF & President of the Firehouse Supporters (501c3); Allen Heath, FF & RFLVFD Communications Officer

**Review/Approval of Minutes:**

Caryn made a motion to accept the Minutes of the January 9, Board meeting, Darla 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved.

**Financial Report:**

Caryn went over the Financial Report of January 2024 with us. In the First National Bank we have \$19,024.21 and in our Colorado Trust account we have \$273,833.91 for a total of \$292,858.12. Our income for January was \$ 2,899.12; from taxes, Donations, interest earned & Airlink. The Expenses for January were, Administration \$19,214.01, for utilities, Volunteer incentives, Accounting & Insurance. Operating Expenses were \$1,154.09 for vehicles. Capital Outlay expenses were \$61,763.27 for a Side-by-Side, Drone, & gym equipment. Our total expenses for January were \$82,131.37.

Nancy made a motion to accept the Financial Report as received, Darla 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved.

**Chief's Report:**

We had 9 calls in January; 5 were medical, 2 were fire, and 2 were mutual aid.

We have a few new members, so on Tuesday night, the training we went over was driver safety, rules of the road for driving fire trucks & equipment. Then for the Saturday Training we did an obstacle course with cones, and driving the vehicles, so everyone would be familiar with the vehicles and driving them.

We have a new member Karen from Crystal Lakes who joined RFLVFD and will be starting EMT school soon, this will be a training expense that we budgeted.

**Supporter's Report:**

Gerry gave us the report for Supporters, as of the end of January in the First National Bank we have \$88,773.44 PayPal has \$6,380.96 for a total of \$95,154.40.

Our expenses were \$409.03 for some uniforms Bobby bought.

Gerry asked us to contact the Attorney to find out what the retention time for different documents is, since we have boxes of documents all around the Fire Station. Nancy will contact the Attorneys for this information.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Microgrid/generator**

Gerry started the generator and once it warmed up, he turned on the 2<sup>nd</sup> electric heater and the generator bogged down, he shut it off and restarted it and got a backfire. Gerry is wondering if there is a timing issue. He will call Collins Control to have it checked out, but at \$600. to \$700. Each time they come up. Gerry will try again, before he calls them. It should run the three heaters, the stove & oven, the air compressor, and the Cascade System without a problem. Bobby suggested we consider looking into a newer generator, Gerry, and he will ask Fred Barlow and some of the fire fighters that are familiar with generators to look into this. Maybe we can use our generator as a trade in.

## **FPPA**

Caryn has feedback to share, the increase in the pensions for the retirees has gone through, and the Board was thanked for the increase.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Do we want to have Gallagher go over our policies in the next couple months?**

We have 3 policies with Gallagher, our Pinnacle Assurance Workers' Compensation Insurance renews January to January. Our Property and Casualty Insurance Policy is renewed April to April and our Accident and Sickness Insurance Policy renewed June to June. Caryn will ask them if they would be able to meet with us via Zoom either during our March meeting or our April meeting, to go over our policies.

## **OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION**

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

Caryn made a motion that if our second Starlink device for Internet connection for the Ambulance costs more than the original \$150.00, we are willing to pay up to \$250.00 for the second mobile Starlink internet connection. Nancy seconded the motion, all approved.

Because we budgeted \$150.00 for the second Starlink mobile internet connection, \$250.00 is above what we budgeted, Bobby said he talked to someone, and they think we may be able to get the second internet connection for \$150.00.

Allen Heath will be retiring from the RFLFPD as a fire fighter with ten years of service and will be collecting his pension, but he would still like to remain an active firefighter. We told him we are grateful for his service and thankful he wants to remain an active fire fighter for Red Feather Lakes Volunteer Fire Department.

(If he did not collect the pension but continued as an active firefighter with his ten years of service, he would add to the pension, each additional year would increase his monthly pension by \$30.00, but because he is beginning the collection of the pension it will remain the same as it is now, each month.)

Caryn checked with FPPA and Allen had ten years of service as of December 31, 2023.

Nancy made a motion to accept Allen Heath's retirement for collecting his pension and his continued service with the Fire Department with no increase in years for FPPA, Darla 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

## **Meeting Adjourned: 7:07 pm**

Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm, Darla 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved.