

**RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 14, 2024, at 6PM HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order: 6:16 pm

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 Supporters (501c3)

Review/Approve Minutes:

Caryn made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024, Board meeting, Rebecca 2nd the motion. All approved.

Financial Reports:

Caryn went over the Financial Report as of April 30, 2024

We had \$155,416.21 in our checking account and \$277,537.87 in our savings account, for a total of \$432,954.08.

For income in April, we had \$99,529.24; \$98,297.24 from taxes and \$1231.90 from interest earned. Our expenses for April were \$10,162.05; Administration was \$7,250.90, Insurance, fees, Volunteer incentives, Board Expenses, Utilities; The Operating Expenses were \$2,911.15; training, vehicles, and communications.

We had a net income of \$89,367.19

Rebecca made a motion to accept the Financial Report as received, Nancy 2nd the motion, all approved.

Chief's Report:

Bobby said we had one medical call in the month of April.

The Fire Fighters have been working on updating the fire station; the bathrooms and hallway, all the tiling is done in the bathrooms, they are finishing up with the tiles in the hallway, grouting should be done by next week. We got some new chairs. The new windows are in, the Supporter's are looking into blinds for the windows. We will be getting three new desks, a communication desk, a fire fighters' desk and a board desk, this should make it easier to keep things straight. Chris Edwards is working with the county to get us a repeater to put up on our tower at the fire station, this will help us get better reception.

Jan Barron resigned from the (RFL FPD), she had been our EMS Officer, Bobby will cover this position until he can get someone to step up to do it.

Our ambulances were certified through the county, beginning in June they will be registered through the state. Bobby has applied for this; it is moving forward. The state won't let us register Med 2 as an ambulance, because it is not a manufactured ambulance, it is considered a 'people mover' that RFL FPD put together in 2002. It doesn't change anything in its operation, just won't be an official ambulance, just a people mover. Caryn will check with the Insurance Company to see if this changes anything with them.

Squad 2 is being shipped from the manufacturer to Kansas to have the box put on it. We are hopefully still on track to get it in the next couple months. Once we receive Squad 2, we will take the Service Truck out of service and transfer most of the equipment to Squad 2. We have been waiting on this truck for almost two years.

CWPP (Community Wildland Protection Plan) Bobby has been working with the County to update RFL's CWPP. Last year the county approached Bobby to get involved with this CWPP, they were working on some large grants for all the mountain Fire Departments' Communities. Red Feather Lakes's was ineligible because it's CWPP was over ten years old, done in 2007. Because of Bobby's work on this, we were awarded \$116,966.00 to pay the Ember Alliance to come up and do an in-depth study for RFL Community. *{emberalliance.org The Ember Alliance is a nonprofit based in northern Colorado. Our team works with partners across the country to restore peoples' relationships with fire and restore ecosystem processes with fire. Our RCE (Resilient Communities & Ecosystems) team supports communities, counties, and fire protection districts in planning and preparing for wildfire.}* Both Crystal Lake Fire District and Glacier View Fire District have gone through The Ember Alliance's Fire Mitigation Program. This program is a community-based program, meaning community members will need to be involved. Bobby will keep us up to date as he gets more information.

Supporter's Report:

Gerry Wagner, we started the month of April with \$89,321.56 in their account, and \$6,515.08 in PayPal. We received \$383.00 from check donations, \$100.00 for the Fire Day booths, and \$18.93 through PayPal. Gerry says they have not received the bill for the new windows in the Fire Station yet. We closed the month of April with \$96,338.50. The vertical blinds for the fire station's windows were supposed to ship a week from yesterday.

The Supporter's Board will start meeting in person at the Fire Station on the 3rd Wednesday of the month usually at 3:30 but depending on when the Board members can get off from work. They will meet in-person, May through October, then in the winter they communicate by email. The Firehouse Supporters Board is Gerry Wagner, President & Treasurer; Dan Defibaugh, Vice-President; John Grose, Secretary; Sue Stevens and Bob Getz. The Board will start working on Fire Day, Gerry asked for any cool designs and colors for T-shirts. Gerry welcomed anyone to come to their meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Microgrid/generator

Gerry Wagner is working on our generator, trying to figure out why the generator and the Tesla battery for the micro grid, don't want to communicate. Gerry reminded us of when we had the windstorm and we were without power, the generator faltered and when that happens it drops the hertz below 60 then the Tesla systems cut off communications with the generator. The generator still works but only providing power for the fire station, not the microgrid.

A week ago, yesterday (Monday 5/6/24) Collins Control was here working for seven hours. He went through the generator systems, compression was good, everything seemed to check out, we did have one head gasket leak of antifreeze but that is very minimal. Mikey, the head guy at Collin's Control contacted a guy in Michigan where they manufacture the carburetors for the generator, and he said the carburetors have multiple diaphragms. One diaphragm in particular breaks down more than the others, and this diaphragm allows the generator to cold start. When this diaphragm is not working, when the generator tries to rev up, it can't get enough fuel. Mikey is ordering the parts to replace this diaphragm, hopefully in the next couple weeks the parts will be in, and they can come up to repair the diaphragm on the carburetor for our generator.

Since Collins Control has been up several times to work on the generator, we are hoping this is our problem.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorial Day Craft Fair

Caryn thinks she has almost every booth filled, as she said that is totally surprising. She is leaving two spaces in the ambulance bay, one space in the fire barn and two spaces in the POA, the little building won't be used during Memorial Day Weekend. She doesn't have anyone outside in the parking lot, because it will probably be cold and windy that weekend. The vendors come on Friday at noon, so Caryn hopes Thursday, the Fire department will move the vehicles and sweep the floors and Caryn will be over at 6:30 to lay out the table areas.

May 2, PV REA came up to check the microgrid

Thursday May 23 in the morning, the Tesla people will be up to check over the battery for the microgrid. Gerry and Nancy met Tony Francone (Energy Resource Specialist) and Troy Richter (Engineer) with PV REA. We tested the generator starting with a load (heaters on, stove & oven on) so they could see what was happening. Troy will check with their IT department to see if they can add another loop in Tesla's software to ask for energy from the generator a second time.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes)

Caryn brought up that we should give Jan Barron thanks for all she did on the up-dating work of the RFL Fire Station. Caryn suggested a Visa card (plus fee) of \$500.00, because Jan is the one who has done the most work on the fire station's up-dating work. Caryn will buy a Thank you card to put the Visa card in and will say 'thank you' from the Board.

Nancy made a motion to buy a \$500.00 plus the fee Visa card for Jan, for all the time and energy she put into the work on the fire station, Rebecca 2nd the motion, all approved.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Caryn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm, Nancy 2nd the motion, all approved.