

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

Meeting called to order: 6:27 pm

Roll call/Introductions: Present: Dan Defibaugh, President; Caryn Hughes, Treasurer; Nancy Kay, Secretary
Gerry Wagner, FF & President of the Firehouse Supporter's(501c3)
Guests: Brenda Lewis, Possible new board member; Rachel Fleecs, RFL FF & EMT;
Jacob Fleecs, RFL FF & EMT; Katie Thorne, RFL EMT; Karen Smith, CL EMT

Review/Approve of Minutes:

Dan made a motion to approve the Minutes of 8.13.24 Board meeting, Caryn 2nd, all approved.

Financial Report:

Caryn went over the Financial Report with us. As of August 31, 2024, we have \$278,123.34 in our checking account and \$282,628.66 in our Colo Trust account for a total of \$560,752.00.

Our income for August was \$8,363.63; from Taxes & Interest earned. Our expenses for August in Administration were \$2,212.12, Operating Expenses were \$5,561.44, Capitol Outlay \$177.20, for a total expense of \$7,950.76. For a net income of \$412.87.

Nancy made a motion to approve the financial reports as provided, Dan 2nd, all approved.

Chief's Report:

Gerry hasn't talked to Chief Hill, so he doesn't know what the Chief wanted to present to the Board. In August we ran 12 medical and 6 fire calls and we have 5 medical calls so far in September, for 97 year-to-date calls.

Supporter's Report:

We ended August with \$91,333.21. Fire Day 10.7.24 Income from the booths were \$2800.00, \$1,860.00 from the T-shirt table, \$723.00 from lunch and \$240.00 from the boots, for a total income of \$5,623.00. Fire Day expenses were \$7650.00 T-shirts, \$340.53 lunch and \$100.00 for the Special Events permit, total expenses \$1,201.03; so, we had a net income of \$4,421.97.

OLD BUSINESS

Microgrid/generator

Gerry had no time to mess with the generator this past month having to organize Fire Day. He will contact Collins Control in the next week to get somebody up here.

SDA Annual Conference

Caryn & Darla are both at the conference this year. Caryn says there are more than 1100 people attending, all the seminars are packed. Caryn says the keynote speakers always seem to be very inspirational speakers.

Fire Day (Saturday of Labor Day Weekend)

Gerry covered the finances in the Supporter's report. Caryn said she thought it was a slow day.

NEW BUSINESS

Taxes

It appears we might have a reduction in revenue in 2025. Caryn forwarded to us the Certification of Valuation from Larimer County Assessor for next year.

Caryn will sign up for the SDA Webinar about the possible reduction of income for next year.

New Board member

Brenda Lewis introduced herself to us. She has lived up here full time for a few years now.

Brenda stood and took her Oath of Office. Dan signed her Oath and Notice of Appointment; Brenda will get her Oath of Office Notarized.

Nancy made a motion to vote Brenda in as our new Board member, Caryn 2nd, all approved.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes)

Rachel Fleecs is the spokes person for herself and the three other guests. They are asking the Board of Directors for help in financing their trip to Africa next June. They will be going to a small village in Kenya and staying with a host family that runs an orphanage and a school. Visiting humanitarian medical personal are about the only medical people the orphans are seen by; medical services in Kenya are all fee based. Rachel says Kenya does not allow out of country adoptions and they don't provide any government support for their orphans, and the government does not support foster homes. The school has about 300 kids in it and the orphanage has about 15 kids in it.

For the 7 to 10 days that they will be staying at this school/orphanage, they will be attending to the children's medical issues. They will also be offering their medical services to the town as well. They are pointing out how this trip will benefit the RFL Fire Department, as Karen is about to take her EMT certification; If Karen takes every blood pressure of every patient our fire department responds to in a year, that will be about 100 blood pressures. Once Karen leaves Kenya, she will have done 300. They will be treating wound care, doing triage as well as a full assessment of medical needs, this will be a medical immersive experience.

Each medical volunteer is responsible to pay \$4500.00 which covers flights, food, lodging. They are asking for about \$2,000.00 per person for 3 people (\$6,000.00), Rachels as Medical Director, her trip is paid for. We will discuss this more in the October Board meeting when we start the budget for 2025.

Nancy will look at what FPPA is expecting for October.

MEETING ADJOURNED Brenda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43, Nancy 2nd, all approved.