

**RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY JANUARY 9, 2024, at 6 PM HYBRID MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order: 6:01 PM**

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

Present: Brendon (Bobby) Hill, RFL Fire Chief; Gerry Wagner, Fire Fighter & President of the Firehouse Supporter's (501c3)

Guest: Chris Edwards, RFL Fire Fighter

**Review/Approval of Minutes**

Caryn made a motion to accept the December 12, 2023, Hybrid Minutes, Rebecca 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All approved.

**Financial Reports**

Caryn went through the financial report for the end of December 2023.

In our checking account we have \$99,541.87 and, in our savings account, we have \$272,548.50 for a total of \$372,090.37. Our income for December was \$5,523.10, from Property tax, Specific Ownership tax, and interest. Our expenses for December were Administration \$38,697.93 with our \$30,000.00 payment to FPPA for the pensions, \$4,438.00 for Insurance, Christmas gifts for the fire fighters and the meal for the Christmas Party. Then the usual expenses of Accounting, Website Hosting, and utilities. Our December's Fire Department's Operating expenses were \$9,088.62, Repairs and Maintenance on Engine 1 for \$6,631.04, Medical supplies \$ 715.53, annual vehicle inspections, License fees, fuel & oil, and the Starlink communications for the Fire Station and the Ambulance. Our December Capital Outlay was \$5,323.70, the new radios (mentioned in the December Minutes in the Chief's Report) were \$5,112.06, and some new tools \$211.64. Our Net Income for December was negative \$47,587.15.

Caryn shared with us that when you have a commercial account, it is a combined total credit limit. So all five credit cards (Chief's, Assist. Chief, EMS, Supporter's, and the Board's) are included in the total credit allowed (\$25,000.00). Caryn would be able to pay down one card to be able to use another card.

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

**Chief's Report**

Chief Hill's Report: We had 9 calls in December, 6 medicals, 2 fire and 1 mutual aid with Glacier View Fire Department. In 2023 we ran 136 calls. So far this month we have had 3 medicals & 1 fire.

The Christmas party went well, the Fire Fighters liked their Christmas gifts of jackets, shirts & hats. Everybody liked having the party at the POA, we will probably do that again next year.

Bobby and Jann have been acquiring the items for the updating of the Fire Station. The meeting room has been prepped and ready for the work to be done. The bathrooms have been prepped and ready with new tile, paint, new toilets, new sinks, some new cabinets.

Squad 2, Bobby went down last week to confirm with the dealer, we have a four to six month wait. We pay for it when it is delivered. The cost for the cab, chassis & the box, is coming in around \$88,000.00. That will leave us about \$12,000.00 to outfit it, plus the Supporter's will help with the finances to outfit Squad 2.

Bobby ordered some Universal Gym equipment; it should be arriving around January 19. Bobby also ordered the new drone, that should be here in the next week or two.

Bobby is looking at ordering a speaker for these Zoom meetings.

## **Supporter's Report**

Gerry Wagner, President of the Firehouse Supporters. Gerry contacted the Summit Brothers yesterday about replacing the windows in the Fire Station, they haven't received the windows from their supplier yet. The Supporters at the end of 2023 had \$84,092.47 in the bank, and \$6,634.30 in PayPal for a total of \$90,726.77. In our letter campaign, we have received 102 checks for a total of \$17,220.00 and 31 contributions by PayPal for \$6,634.30 for a total of \$25,854.30. Gerry says the windows are around \$6,000,00.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Microgrid/generator**

Gerry said the generator would not start the day after Christmas when it was cold, he tried it later that day and then the next day also, with no luck. Gerry called Collins control to come up, they went through all the basics and finally tapped the button on the vaporizer about 20 times and the generator has been starting since then. Gerry turned it on yesterday with the temperature 16 degrees and it started, he didn't test it under load.

### **FPPA**

The pension increase should be received in January by the retired fire fighters. Caryn and Bobby updated the active members list last month.

### **Budget**

Nancy sent in the budget.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **DLG**

Now all the Board members have downloaded the Special Districts Compliance Calendar.

### **State Matching Grant (SMG) FPPA**

Nancy applied for the State Matching Grant for the FPPA pension, the state transfers the funds \$7,176.00 directly to FPPA for our pensions.

## **OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION**

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

The Red Feather Lakes (RFL) Board of Directors will be posting the agenda with the Zoom link each month, 24 hours ahead of each Board meeting at the RFL Post office, the RFL Library and out in front of the RFL Fire Station. The RFL Fire Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the RFL Fire Station and by Zoom. The agendas can also be found on the Fire Departments website: [rflvfd.org](http://rflvfd.org) and the Zoom link is there also.

Caryn will renew our membership to the Special District Association (SDA) now that the budget has been submitted. The budgetary numbers are required to calculate our membership. Caryn will verify Darla Moxon's Board membership with the SDA and sign her up to receive information.

## **MEETING AJOURNED:**

Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm, Darla 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved.