

RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING – rflvfd.org
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026, at 6 PM, HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 PM

Roll Call/Introductions: Present: Darla Moxon, Vice-President; Caryn Hughes, Treasurer;
Nancy Kay, Secretary.

Absent with notice: Dan Defibaugh, President; Brenda Lewis, Director

Present: Brenden (Bobby) Hill, RFLFPD Fire Chief; Gerry Wagner, FF & President of the Firehouse Supporters (501c3); Michael Bichler, RFL FF & EMT and RFL Webmaster & IT;
David Cabrera, RFLFPD Fire Cadet

Guest: Mark Zigray SR.

Review/Approve of Minutes:

Caryn made a motion to accept the hybrid Minutes of February 10, 2026, Nancy 2nd the motion, all approved.

Financial Report:

Caryn went over the February financial report with us.

We have \$89,259.50 in our checking account and \$100,601.84 in our savings account for a total of \$189,861.34.

As of February 28, 2026, we received \$4,577.89 from taxes and interest earned.

Our total expenses for the month of February were \$16,119.01.

Administration \$6,714.41, this was for Accounting & County fees \$302.79. ESO Setup \$4,814.43 (ESO, a software and data company focused on improving community health and safety through technology; designed for real-time collaboration between hospitals, ambulances, and government agencies.) And Utilities \$1,595.44.

Our Operating expenses were \$2,968.01 for medical supplies \$78.96, vehicles \$2,759.05, communications (Starlink connection) \$130.00.

Our February Capital Outlay was \$6,436.59 for radios \$1,174.80, equipment \$654.85 and for the Fire Station's new doors with installation \$4,606.94

Nancy made a motion to approve the financial report as presented, Caryn 2nd the motion, all approved.

Chief's Report:

Chief Hill (Bobby) is at work, joining the meeting by Zoom.

February, we had 10 medical calls and 2 fire related calls, so year-to-date we have 15 calls. The 15 calls put us at an average number. We are about equal to the surrounding Fire Departments: Crystal Lakes FD has run about 8 or 9 calls, Livermore has run about 20 calls, Glacier View Meadows have run about 15 calls, and Rist Canyon has run about 22 calls.

Bobby, Katie Thorne (EMS Officer) and Caryn have ordered the equipment & supplies to supply the new ambulance. The Supporters have spent quite a bit of money as well for the new ambulance.

This month's training is Ice rescue, but with the warm weather, we have no ice on the lakes. We will be doing open water rescue.

Bobby let us know he will not be signing any burn permits, probably for the rest of the year. Unless the weather changes drastically.

The Crystal Lakes' (CL) slash pile area, the lease ran out with the Quaintance Property Trust, and the indemnification could not be agreed upon. Caryn said the CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) is looking for another property for a community slash pile. The slash pile was not a fire department endeavor, except when they burned, then both RFL and CL fire departments were there to keep the communities safe.

Supporter's Report:

Gerry gave the report of what the Firehouse Supporters had done in February.

We started off the month of February with \$126,829.39. We brought in \$650.00 in check donations, \$18.93 from PayPal, and we didn't spend any money, so we ended up with \$127,498.32. We have ordered approximately \$12,000. To \$13,000.00 for the new ambulance.

Gerry said the Supporters will get the old ambulance up and running well (right now the heater is not working well) and then we will park this (old) ambulance up at Crystal Lakes Fire Department. RFL & CL Fire Departments collaborate as one organization for EMS as well as fire related calls.

Gerry let Bobby know the Side-by-side can be put back in service. Gerry had the oil changed, the transmission fluid, the steering fluid & filters changed, a new alternator was needed. All this will be in the March financials for the Supporters.

OLD BUSINESS

Generator/Microgrid

Gerry said he has not heard from PV REA for their testing the generator/microgrid after the work was done reinstalling the propane lines to the generator. PV REA can make the generator work by loading the kw (kilowatts) to equal the load it would have to carry with the RFL Village depending on the microgrid & generator. As Gerry said, he can only turn on so many appliances in the fire station, which doesn't come close to the load the generator is expected to pull with the microgrid.

New Ambulance

Caryn overnighted (\$76.00) the final check for transportation (\$3,900.00), then she was told they would send the ambulance when they had a truck to transport it. Caryn received photos of the finished ambulance and had both Bobby and Katie look the photos over before Caryn sent the check.

AirMed Care

Caryn is collecting the applications for AirMed care. This year the RFL Fire Department is paying for the Fire Fighters & EMS and the Board of Directors for the yearly amount.

Website- .gov

Michael Bichler has been communicating with Streamline our website host about changing over our domain name from .org to .gov, we had been informed that .gov would be a safer website. Michael set up our new domain rflvfdco.gov, he and Streamline will have both domains active and we will keep the .org for a year or two directing people to our new web address. Michael is a little concerned about changing the emails over, whether Bluehost can handle this.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to adopt the Wildfire Resiliency Code (WRC) and defer enforcement to DFPC

Nancy sent this signed resolution out to everybody. Darla signed it and Nancy signed it attesting to Darla's signing.

Both Michael who is on the Board of Directors for the WRC and Bobby who has been meeting with other Volunteer Fire Chief's in Colorado agree that we will be deferring enforcement to the county the Fire District is in, not the State, at least at this time.

Caryn made a motion to approve the resolution to adopt the Wildfire Resiliency Code to defer enforcement to Larimer County and the State of Colorado. Nancy 2nd the motion, all agreed.

Larimer County Community Fire Mitigation Grant

Caryn, Bobby and Patrice Diem (North 40 Mountain Alliance-N40MA) along with John Parker (BoD of N40MA) applied for a Larimer County grant for Fire Mitigation. The grant would cover a dump trailer worth approximately \$8,200.00 plus numerous hand tools. The grant was due two days ago, Sunday 3/8/26 and Caryn got it in 3/5/26 and it will be included in the pool of applications for this grant, we should hear back in early May, whether we receive any part of the grant. As a community we are hoping to keep the tools in the little POA building and have people sign out the equipment as needed. The RFL library will have information on fire mitigation, Caryn asked Bobby if some of the fire fighters would be able to help elderly residents with the physical work. We have four letters of support from community organizations: The RFL Fire Department, the Community Association (POA), the RFL Library, and the RFL Area Chamber of Commerce.

Exemption from Audit

Caryn has printed the 28-page document and sent all the board members an online copy a week ago for us to read/look over so we know what we are signing. Caryn will leave the printed copy in the board desk, and we need most of the board to sign it. It must be at the State Assessors' office by March 30 of each year. This is so the fire department does not have to pay any taxes.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes)

Michael Bichler has applied for a few grants. One grant is for PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), the grant is for \$20,000.00 for 8 sets of Bunker gear (big heavy jackets, heavy pants, boots & helmets for structure firefighting). Michael is also applying for a grant for a new Brush truck. Also, a grant will be available soon for communication equipment, Michael is ready to apply for.

Mark Zigray Sr. sat in on our board meeting to see if he might be interested in joining the board as a director.

MEETING ADJOURNED Caryn made a motion to adjourn at 7:11 pm, Nancy 2nd the motion, all agreed.