

RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING – rflvfd.org
TUESDAY AUGUST 12, 2025, AT 6 PM IN-PERSON (INTERNET IS DOWN)
MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 pm

Roll Call/Introductions: Present: Dan Defibaugh, President; Darla Moxon, Vice-President;

Caryn Hughes, Treasurer; Nancy Kay, Secretary

Absent with excuse: Brenda Lewis, Director

Present: Gerry Wagner

Review/Approve of Minutes:

Caryn made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 8, 2025, Darla 2nd the motion, all approved.

Financial Report:

Caryn went over the Financial Reports with us.

We have \$212,214.13 in our checking account and \$294,802.73 in our savings account for a total of \$507,016.86.

For the month of July our income was \$52,365.33, from taxes, interest earned, AirLink, and the sale of our Service Truck.

Our July Expenses were in Administration \$13,201.33, for fees (County, Accounting, Legal, Elections), Volunteer Incentives, Board Expenses (website hosting), Station and Grounds & Utilities.

Our July FD Operating expenses were \$2,000.00 for vehicles.

Our July Capitol Outlay expenses were \$66,009.95 for a new Ambulance (\$65,600.00 we still owe \$200,000.00, which we were told, the ambulance should arrive by Christmas) and Wildland PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for our new volunteers.

Our total expenses for July were \$81,211.28. For a net income of negative \$28,845.95.

Caryn mentioned the Accountant and RFL Fire Chief were paid in advance because the accountant would be on vacation when Caryn would meet with him to schedule payments, so there will be no accountant payment in August or Vehicle Reimbursement payment in August.

Nancy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Darla 2nd the motion, all approved.

Chief's Report:

Bobby is not here, so Gerry will give the Chief's Report. In July we had 7 fire calls and 15 medical calls for a total of 22 calls. We are at 98 total calls for the year. July and August are the busiest months of the year for us.

This month's training was "Low Angle Rescue", an example of that involves a vehicle goes off the road and over a ledge and rolls down the hill, with a passenger that is injured. A gurney basket is lowered with ropes & pulleys attached, tying proper knots is essential. Then EMTs can pull the basket to bring it down, attend to the patient, load the patient on a backboard into the basket, and the team above on the road can pull the patient and EMTs up the hill to the ambulance.

Our new ambulance will be a 're-mount ambulance' where they take an ambulance box off an old ambulance and set it on a new chassis. It should be complete except for the decals. The plan is, once we get this ambulance and get it set up, we will station the ambulance we use now at Crystal Lakes (CL & RF both respond to emergency calls together) to save time on responses to CL EMS calls.

Supporter's Report:

We started off the month of July with \$104,047.82, we brought in \$760.00 for crafter booth rentals for Fire Day (Labor Day Saturday) and \$18.93 through PayPal donations.

We did spend some money; we bought food and supplies to feed the neighboring fire departments and police here to help with the fireworks. Refer to July's Minutes for additional information.

OLD BUSINESS

New Ambulance

This will be a 2025 Dodge chassis. If the fire department hits the top end of what is budgeted for the new ambulance, Gerry said the Supporters are here to help. Read Chief's Report above for more information.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Day

Even though Gerry has not yet received the permit for cooking the hotdogs for the lunch fundraiser for Fire Day on Saturday of Labor Day weekend, he has been preparing for the lunch by buying supplies, fairly sure the permit will arrive in time.

Darla ordered the 100 kid's gift bags for Fire Prevention Week, the first week of October. With approximately 45 students at RFL Elementary, Gerry uses the left over 55 gift bags and kids fire hats for Fire Day.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes)

Michael Bichler, our RFL FPD Web Master and IT guy, relayed a message to Caryn about the Streamline website hosting organization, listed in our Finance report, under Administration then Board expenses (\$1512.00). July the Website expenses increased from \$84.00 a month to \$126.00 a month, this increase is supposed to speed up the ADA remediations. (Refer to June's Minutes for more information on this.)

We discussed the request for information about purchases with vendor identification. This was our Legal expense of \$63.20.

We haven't received our SDA Board Member Manuals for 2025 in the mail yet. If we don't receive them by our August Board meeting, Caryn & Darla will pick 5 of them up at the SDA conference September 16-18, 2025.

We discussed whether we should paint the helipad. Gerry said, "No, it does not need to be painted. Painting it would make it more aesthetic but not more functional." It has lights on each corner and there is a wind flag. There was a "H" in a circle with a painted border along the edges of the pad.

Caryn brought up the Fire Stations' four people doors that we have in the 2025 budget (\$8,000.00) for replacement. In 2018 or 19 we had an energy audit; these doors were recommended to be resealed. Bobby wanted doors that could be easier for the fire fighters to enter and leave by, with 'crash bars' on the inside and keypunch entry. The Trudoor representative, Joe, approached Caryn with the invoice of \$11,072.93, this is the high end. Caryn will discuss this with Bobby to make sure what he wants is covered.

Nancy made a motion to increase the door expense from \$8,000 to \$12,000.00, Darla 2nd the motion, all approved.

Dan Defibaugh is going to spray a herbicide around the Fire Station to make a 5-foot barrier around the building, to knock out the weeds close to the building.

MEETING ADJOURNED – 7:15 pm