

**RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD MEETING – rflvfd.org**  
**TUESDAY MAY 13, 2025, at 6 PM HYBRID MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**Meeting Called to Order:** 5:59 pm

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

**Excused Absent:** Brenda Lewis, Director

**Present:** Brenden (Bobby) Hill, RFL Fire Chief; Gerry Wagner, RFL Fire Fighter, & President of the Firehouse Supporters (501c3)

**Review/Approve of Minutes:** Caryn made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 8, 2025's meeting, Darla 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved.

**Financial Report:** Caryn went through the Financial Report with us.

We have \$193,213.91 in our checking account and \$484,787.59 in our savings account.

For the month of April our income was \$26,936.65 from taxes, interest earned and AirLink.

Our April expenses were Administration \$11,391.06; Operating expenses \$4,008.89 and Capital Outlay expenses \$585.11 for a total expense in April of \$15,985.06 with a Net Income of \$10,951.59.

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 gave us a report of what was happening in the operations of the fire department.

In April we ran 6 calls, 3 were medical & 3 were fire, for year-to-date, we are at 31 calls.

We have 3 new EMTs, Fred Barlow has his Paramedic license back, Smith Barlow is a new EMT, and Amelia Van is a new EMT. Michael Bichler is going through his training to become an EMT, he should finish some time this summer.

Bobby received a quote for an EKG monitor, it is a used, refurbished monitor for \$19,000.00. In our 2025 budget we have \$40,000.00 for a new EKG monitor. There will be yearly expenses involved in this EKG monitor, maintenance, updates, calibrations, and computer connections, but this will be a good asset. Bobby is concerned about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July's fireworks, if we don't get more rain than what we have had, the County has been talking about fire restrictions.

Bobby & Caryn have been meeting with the Ember Alliance to form the CWPP (Community Wildland Protection Plan) for Red Feather Lakes Fire District. There is to be a Zoom meeting for community members that are interested in this information. Caryn posted the Zoom link in a post on Nextdoor Neighborhood, a local social media connection, and she will post it again closer to the event. The training was Wildland fire fighting.

We got the Starlink account straightened out, both Squad 1 and Med 1 will be on the same account.

Caryn should see it in next month's bill; it will be about \$300.00 for the two accounts. Eventually, we are hoping to add Brush 1 but not this summer. Bobby says it has been very beneficial.

**Supporter's Report:** Gerry Wagner, President of the Firehouse Supporters our 501c3, gave us an update.

In April we brought in \$358.00 in checks and \$114.95 from PayPal, for \$472.95.

We bought 4 radios holsters for the fire department, for \$182.77.

At the end of the month, we had \$109,695.52.

Bobby is already spending money for next month for helmets and shields, these are about \$500.00 each and PPE for our new volunteers. Michael Bichler has the 9 badges ready to be bought, he is just waiting for any last-minute count increases and then Bobby's approval. The badge cost about \$100.00 each.

The Firehouse Supporters will be meeting in-person during the summer, by email over winter. On the Supporters Board of Directors are Gerry Wagner, Dan Defibaugh, Bob Getz, Sue Stevens, and John Grose.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Microgrid/generator** Gerry Wagner has been maintaining the Fire Department's generator, with frequent checks and the work of changing the propane lines. NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) has the codes for propane lines that Michael Bichler and Gerry are working together for safety and legal purposes.

**Michael Bichler, RFLFPD webmaster** Michael has been working to make sure everyone who needs access to the Streamline website is able to get on. Michael has been working with Streamline and the State of Colorado to make sure our website is ADA compatible with the legal requirements. Streamline is planning to raise their rates considerably, we are paying \$84.00/month and in July it will increase by \$100.00 to about \$184.00/month. We have been talking about whether they are worth the added expense.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SDA Regional Workshops**

This year the SDA regional workshop closest to Red Feather Lakes will be in Kersey, Colorado on Thursday June 12, 2025. None of us can make this year's SDA regional workshop.

### **Septic tank pumped**

Caryn will call to get it pumped this month.

### **Have we received the "Cancellation of election" publication bill**

Caryn has not received a bill for publication of the "Cancellation of Election" by the North Forty News. We will have to look through each weekly publication to find our article to confirm publication. We will work on this for next month's meeting. Our DEO is on vacation this week, so we can't get in touch with her until she returns.

## **OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION**

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

Nancy asked about the Fire Department's EMS team that is planning to go to Africa as a medical unit, Bobby says they are still going in June.

Caryn mentioned the Memorial Day Craft Fair coming up on Saturday May 24, 2025. We will have Blaise's food truck. Bobby said he will have the fire station cleaned up on Thursday 22 so Caryn can mark the areas and people can begin setting up Friday afternoon the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm, Darla 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all agreed.

Join Zoom Meeting

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