

**RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025, AT 6 PM HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES**

Meeting Called to Order: 6:03 PM

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

Present: Gerry Wagner, Fire Fighter & President of Firehouse Supporters (501c3); Michael Bichler, RFLFPD'S webmaster & IT (Information Technology Technician)

Review/Approve of Minutes:

Caryn approved the Minutes of February 11, 2025, Darla 2nd the motion. All approved.

Financial Report:

Caryn went over the Financial Report with us.

As of February 28, 2025, we had \$102,000.46 in our checking account and \$289,439.93 in the savings account, for a total of \$391,439.39.

Our income for February was \$ 14,271.40 from taxes and \$141.36 from AirLink for a total of \$15,404.22.

Our expenses for February were in Administration \$8,011.20. In Operating Expenses \$2,048.66 and Capital Outlay \$13,912.19 for a total expense of \$23,972.05.

Nancy made a motion to accept the Financial Report as received, Brenda 2nd the motion, all approved.

Chief's Report:

Bobby is working, so Gerry will give us the Chief's report.

We had nine runs in February, 7 were medical, 2 were fire or non-medical.

Last Saturday 3.11 was Ice Rescue Training, at Shagwa Lake. We have open water because of the bubblers.

Supporter's Report:

Gerry will give us the Supporter's Report for February.

We received \$1,164.00 in check donations and \$66.69 from PayPal and one Fired day booth rental of \$30.00. So, we brought in \$1,260.69.

Our expenses for February were 3 hand-held radios \$5,431.92. We also bought the used SCBA compressor from Redwood, CA at \$8,500.00 with shipping. SOS \$25.00 annual fee. The Supporters did buy a new quieter air compressor for the air brakes in the big trucks \$353.72. Gerry ordered 4 new SCBA 6000psi hundred-pound bottles, they should arrive sometime in May, along with new hoses and the rack to secure them cost \$9,794.95. We spent a total of \$24,402.76 in February. We still have a balance of \$113,615.67, Bobby (Chief Hill) has some ideas for some more needed items.

OLD BUSINESS

Microgrid/generator

Gerry reminded us that last month he mentioned that he (Gerry) and a couple other fire fighters straightened out the propane line (running from the tank to the generator) eliminating several elbows and feet. We will be increasing the size of the line from 3/4" to 1 1/2" and burying the line once the ground thaws. With the expected power outage this coming Monday 3/17, Gerry will be here to monitor the generator to make sure everything is working as it should for the generator to charge the Tesla Battery for the Microgrid to power the Village during the power outage.

Michael Bichler, RFLFPD webmaster

Michael will help us with the Bluehost email account. We are willing to pay a little more for more email storage. At this point, we can only keep about 600 emails. Michael will look into this cost and storage issue. Michael is working to Fix the archived agendas, Minutes & Financial Reports, as they are continually dropped from the website. Michael will attend the Streamline Zoom webinar about the ADA compatibility of our website (rflvfd.org). We are paying Streamline \$84.00 a month, in July the cost will increase to \$185.00 a month. We pay \$280.00 for an annual subscription for our emails through Bluehost.

Caryn & Michael will combine Adobe accounts in the future for the fire department.

NEW BUSINESS

Exemption from Audit

Caryn brought the Exemption from Audit to the Board meeting, for all our signatures, term dates and signing date. Once we sign it Caryn will scan it in and email it to us and mail it to the State Auditor in Denver.

Larry Skoal our accountant summarizes our monthly financial statements along with our FPPA reports and sends this information to Colorado department of local government.

DEO-Michelle Hasseltine

Michelle canceled the election, sent the cancellation off to the dlq and Clerk & Recorder for Larimer County.

Nancy will print it out and post it at the Fire Department and she will send it to Michael to add to the website.

Caryn asked if she gave the North Forty News our RFL Fire Department information to pay the bill.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes)

Caryn brought up that our insurance agent suggests that we increase our deductible for our vehicles from \$500.00 to \$1000.00. We all agreed since this hasn't been done in a long time.

Nancy made a motion to increase our vehicle's deductibles from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00, Caryn 2nd the motion, all agreed. Caryn will reach out to Deb Barone at our insurance agency to change this with the renewal.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:49 PM