

RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING – rflvfd.org and rflvfdco.gov
TUESDAY MAY 12, 2026, at 6 pm, HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 pm

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

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

Review/Approve of Minutes:

Caryn made a motion to approve April 14, 2026, Minutes, Darla 2nd the motion. All approved.

Financial Report:

Caryn went over the April Financial Report with us.

As of April 30, 2026, we have \$105,452.15 in the checking account and \$201,381.24 in the savings account, for a total of \$306,833.39.

Our income for April was \$44,626.11 from taxes and interest earned.

Our expenses for April were Administration: \$9,861.63 for Insurance, Fees (County treasurer & Accounting), Volunteer incentives, Station & Grounds (Utilities).

Our April Operating expenses were \$1,832.95 for vehicles (inspections, license, fuel & reimbursements).

Our April Capital Outlay was \$3,299.41 for Communications (radios & pagers) and Wildland PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for two new FF.

Our total expenses for April were \$14,993.99. Our Net Income for April was \$29,632.12.

Nancy made a motion to approve the Financial Report, Mark 2nd the motion, all approved.

Chief's Report:

Bobby gave us the Chief's Report. In April we had 3 calls and 1 fire related call, for a total of 4 calls.

Which brings us to a year to date of 32 calls at the end of April.

Bobby said our new ambulance went into service officially today.

This month's training was Wildland fire fighting, we did the training with Crystal Lakes FD(CL), it was a good turnout. We bought pizza for all the fire fighters at the end of the training session.

Bobby asked Gerry at Gerry's convenience to take Med 2 (the old med unit) to Beck's Automotive to get it serviced and running well, before taking it to CL FD.

Haylee Hall was voted in as a full-time fire fighter at the last Fire Department's Business meeting. Haylee started her EMT training and sometime in the summer will be doing her hands-on training in Idaho.

Bobby wanted to remind us all that we are on Level 2 Fire Restrictions for the County. Which means NO FIRES AT ALL-UNLESS IT HAS AN ON/OFF SWITCH. Larimer County Sherriff's deputies are writing citations \$250.00 plus \$10.00 processing fee. Dowdy, West Lake & Belaire Lake Campgrounds can have fires in the PERMANENT fire pits. Caryn asked Bobby if we should put the "Fire Restrictions" banner out on 74e, Bobby agreed and asked Gerry if he would see to that. Michael will check the web links to the County's Fire Restrictions on our website.

Supporter's Report:

Gerry went over the Firehouse Supporter's (our 501c3) activities for April with us.

The Supporters started off the first of April with \$127,931.38, we received a total of \$158.93 in donations. Then we spent some money, we repaired the 'Power load' which is the mechanism that lifts the gurney, so we can slide it into the back of the ambulance. This is on Med 2 (the old ambulance). This cost \$2,618.00. We bought 2 radios and had them installed in the new Med 1, this cost \$6,696.25.

We had to reimburse a Fire Day booth for \$55.00, the original renter passed away, and the family wanted the money back. Then we spent \$2,822.57 to Bound Tree for supplies for the new Med 1.

We spent a total of \$12,191.82 in April, which leaves us with \$115,898.49.

The Supporter's Board of Directors will start meeting in person at the RFL Fire Station, the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm. The Board of Directors consists of Gerry Wagner, President/Treasurer; Dan Defibaugh, Vice-President; Sue Stevens, Director; Bob Getz, Secretary; and John Grose helps.

OLD BUSINESS

Generator/Microgrid

Gerry tested it and it worked as it should. Gerry called Tony F. at PV REA to invite their crew up to test it, no one has contacted Gerry about coming up. Gerry will let us know when he hears from PV REA.

New Ambulance

Bobby said our new ambulance went into service officially today, May 12, 2026.

AirMedCare

Caryn sent in 12 forms last month and there are 2 forms ready to be sent today. She asked Bobby and Gerry if any more firefighters were going to send their forms in.

Website- .gov

Michael has linked our old website rflvfd.org and our new website rflvfdco.gov. we will have them both for a while. Michael is still working on whether the emails will be transferred with few problems.

Michael asked Mark if he was able to get an email listing on rflvfd.org, Mark had not. Michael offered help.

Michael said he added an email for Fred Barlow as RFL FPD's Public Information Officer. His email is : publicinfooffice@rflvfd.org

NEW BUSINESS

Regional SDA Workshops

Darla thinks she will try to go to the Kersey meeting, Tuesday June 16, 2026, 8:00-11:30 am.

Change email- Director

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Exemption from Audit

The State sent Caryn an email saying the new ambulance was not in our budget. We probably should have revised the budget. But when the old ambulance began to stop working, we had saved money knowing this was inevitable. So, we bought our new ambulance sooner than we had planned. We will probably be scrutinized going forward, so had better stay within the budget.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes)

Bobby mentioned that the water pump in Romona Lake is not working due to low water. We will not be able to fill the truck tenders at the Fire Station. We can draft water from lakes and ponds to fill the tenders.

Caryn asked Bobby if he and the fire fighters will be able to clean out the fire truck bays for the Memorial Day Craft Fair to be held on Saturday May 23, 2026. Bobby said they would clean everything up Thursday 5/21/26 evening, so the crafters can come in and set up on Friday.

Caryn told us the County has told her NO FIREWORKS this year, since we have Level 2 Fire Restrictions. Caryn did investigate drone light shows, nobody is available this year, the costs run from \$15,000.00 to \$100,000.00 for a ten-to-fifteen-minute light show.

Caryn asked who monitors the “contact” on our website. Chief Hill is the contact for this. Amanda Johnson asked Caryn to bring this up at the fire board meeting and ask the RFL Fire department to consider joining in. This is for September 12, 2026, at the Livermore Hall, an all-day event 11 am – 7 pm. A family fun day of square dancing, kids’ games, professional goat ropers, the Fork’s Restaurant is providing the meat to be grilled and asking the fire departments to help us with the grilling at various times of the day.

Caryn shared with us what is going on with the CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) through the N40MA (North 40 Mountain Alliance) they submitted a grant to Josh Roberts, Larimer County, office of Emergency Management. They were awarded \$10,000.00 to purchase tools for fire mitigation, including a trailer to haul slash.

MEETING ADJOURNED Caryn made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 pm, Darla 2nd the motion, all approved.