RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING – rflvfd.org
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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; Nancy Kay, Secretary

Absent with notice: Mark Zigray, Director

Present: Brenden (Bobby) Hill, RFL FPD Fire Chief; Gerry Wagner, RFL FPD FF & President of the Firehouse Supporters (501c3); Michael Bichler, RFL FPD FF & Web Master, IT; David Cabrera, RFL Cadet; **GUEST:** Rebecca Snook, RFL FPD 2027 DEO

Review/Approve September 8, 2026, Minutes: Caryn made a motion to approve the Minutes, Darla 2nd the motion, all approved.

Financial Report: Caryn went over the Financial Report with us.

We have $110,384.32 in our checking account, and $330,060.97 in our Savings account for a total of 440,445.29.

Our income for the month of September was $13,611.89; this is from taxes and earned interest.

Our September expenses were for Administration $7,317.18; for Insurance, Accounting and County fees, Volunteer incentives, Board expenses, Postage, Utilities, General Supplies, and Fundraising/Community Awareness.

Our September Operating expenses were $5,960.81 for Training (both medical & fire), Supplies (both medical & fire), Vehicles (Fuel/oil, repairs & Maintenance, Chief's vehicle reimbursement) and for Communications (Starlink Connection).

Our September Capital Outlay was $2,393.44 for radios/pagers.

Our total expense for September was $15,671.43.

Our Net Income for September was a negative $2,059.54.

Nancy made a motion to approve the Financial Report with the one correction (line #3930 Fire Prevention Week, Caryn will look into this with our Accountant), Darla 2nd the motion, all approved.

Chief's Report:

Chief Hill gave us the Fire Departments report for September.

We ran 9 calls last month, 7 were medical and 2 were fire related, we are at 102 calls YTD.

Last week RFL FPD and Crystal Lakes Fire Department (CL FD) went to the RFL Elementary School for Fire Prevention Week. The kids and the Fire Fighters all had a good time.

This month's training was Auto Extrication. We did a class first here Tuesday evening at the station, then the following Saturday we went to the Barlow's (Red Feather Excavation) and we cut up a couple cars in their yard, practicing Auto extrication. Fred Barlow is our PIO (Public Information Officer) and he is sharing photos and information on Facebook and Nextdoor Neighborhood, what we are doing for training and for public awareness.

Gerry and his sons installed Starlink internet connection at the RFL Fire Station, this was our first Starlink that was in a vehicle and then moved to the Fire Station. Now we have 4 Starlink internet connections. The old Med 1 (old ambulance) parked at CL FD has an original big Starlink unit, then we have the new "mini's" on our new Ambulance and on Squad 1. All for $220.00 a month. These "mini" units, the equipment cost is only $250.00 then we pay for the monthly service. Bobby's long-term goal is to slowly add more units. Bobby said he would like to add one more mini Starlink unit now for $250.00 plus $40.00 to the monthly bill for Chris Edwards, our Communications Officer because he responds to all the calls. Additionally, all our radios that we carry are going to switch in the next year, year and a half, instead of connecting to a tower, they will connect to a Starlink unit.

HIZ (Home Ignition Zone) [Refer to March & April & May 2026 RFL FPD Minutes] {This is the 2026 CWPP(Community Wildfire Prevention Plan) Fire Mitigation Kickoff for Red Feather Lakes. Along with our RFLFPD Resolution 2026-2 "A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Red Feather Lakes Fire Protection district to Adopt the Wildfire Resiliency Code (WRC) and deferring enforcement to DFPS (Division of Fire Prevention and Control)". This is a proposal for individual property owners and volunteer hand crew support of mitigation in HIZ 1(1 to 5 feet from structure) and 2 (5 feet to 30 feet). This will help reduce wildfire risk and damage caused by embers in our community. Red Feather Fire Department volunteers will assist in the success of this volunteer mitigation work.}

Chris Edwards is taking the class now to assist in the WRC and HIZ volunteer Ambassadorship for mitigation work. Bobby says he has 2 other fire department members interested in taking the training course. Caryn Hughes as the North Forty Hub Chair, feels she should take the course too, if nothing else to understand what is going on as she is a volunteer member of the CWPP here in RFL.

Bobby received a "Cooperative Agreement for Wildfire Resiliency Code Administration & Enforcement" that the RFL FPD Board of Directors will need to sign. Nancy will send it to our Attorneys for clarification.

Bobby told us that this year and next year he will not be spending money, because in 2028 he wants to turn Squad 1 into a Brush truck and buy an attack tender. We will have to purchase another command vehicle. Brush 2 didn't sell at Labor Day, so we still have that to sell.

Bobby mentioned the Christmas Party will be December 12, at the POA building.

Our ISO Rating is 5/10. 1 is super good, 10 = you are not within 5 driving miles of your Fire District's fire station.

Supporter's Report

Gerry gave us the Supporters September Report.

We started the month with $107,233.45 in check donations we received $1500.00 and PayPal $18.93 and Fire Day $4,603.11 and we got $525.00 for next year's tables. For a total income of $6,647.04. Our expenses were for T-shirts $934.60, Sam's for hot dogs & chips, ect. $331.21, Starlink bracket and adapter were $135.00, new Wildland gloves $348.06. Total expenses of $1,950.65 with an ending balance of $111,929.84.

Website- .gov

Michael had to leave for a training.

Fire Prevention Week – Sunday October 4 – Saturday October 10, 2026.

Darla ordered the fun things for the kids at the school and arranged for the fire departments to go to the school. They went to the RFL Elementary school on Tuesday Oct. 6, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

CWPP agreement (Community Wildfire Protection Plan)

Next Monday 4:30-5:30 is the final overview for the meeting. The grant project, with the new trailer. We did 12 properties, not the 20 we had hoped for. Nine of the twelve properties were on the west side of RFL, which was the priority area.

Furnace Tuneup

Caryn will call to make an appointment for us.

DEO (Designated Election Official)

Rebecca Snook, has accepted the appointment as our DEO. Caryn printed out the DEO's responsibilities and calendar and gave this to Rebecca. We don't get started on this until January 2027, for the May election. Dan made a motion to Thank Rebbeca Snook for accepting the position of DEO for the RFL FPD for the year 2027, Nancy 2nd the motion, all approved.

Budget - 2027

Caryn had sent out the preliminary 2027 budget for us to look over and be ready to discuss for this meeting. We went over the budget, line by line, then next month we will double check it again. We did discuss buying a new used EKG machine for Med 2 that is parked in CL. We have an EKG machine in Med 1, here in RFL. At this time we have 4 Paramedics that can use the EKG machine.

Road Grading Firehouse Lane

Gerry asked Fred Barlow to grade Firehouse Lane & Main St. It will cost $700.00 a load-spread, 3 loads equals $2100.00 divided by 7 business is about $300.00 each. Gerry asked Fred to do it as soon as he can.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes)

Caryn called CenturyLink and cancelled the internet connection, but not the telephone land line. Caryn was told we can keep the land line telephone number, even if we change to an internet phone. Our monthly bill will be $61.45.

On Halloween the RFL & CL Fire Departments will transport Trick or Treaters from the Village to the East side of RF by the Side by Sides and back. At the RFL Fire Station the fire fighters will move the vehicles out of the station, and we will have a Lasor tag event inside.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm, Darla 2nd the motion, all agreed.