

**RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025, 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

Excused Absence: Brenda Lewis, Director

Guests: Brenden (Bobby) Hill, RFLFPD Fire Chief; Gerry Wagner, FF & President of the Firehouse Supporters (501c3),

Michael Bichler, RFLFPD FF & RFLFPD's Website Tech

Review/Approve of Minutes:

Darla made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 14, 2025, Board meeting, Caryn 2nd the motion, all approved.

Financial Report:

Caryn went over the January Financial Report with us.

We have \$111,559.75 in our checking account and \$288,447.47 in our savings account for a total of \$409,007.22.

As of January 31, 2025, our total income was \$2,677.83. From taxes and interest earned.

Our Expenses as of January 31, 2025, were Administration \$6,756.73. This was for Insurance, Volunteer Incentives, Board expenses, and utilities. Our January Operating Expenses were \$4,193.54. This is for Medical & Fire Supplies, vehicles, and Communications. Our January Capital Outlay expenses were \$3,027.07. Equipping Squad 2 (our new vehicle-to be called and referred to as Rescue One) and equipping our side-by-side. Our total expenses for January 2025 were \$13,977.34. We had a negative Net Income of \$11,299.51.

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

Caryn renewed our membership in the SDA (Special Districts Association) for 2025. Membership fees are based on the Fire Department's Budget, our fee was \$397.61.

Chief's Report:

We ran 7 calls in January, 6 were medical calls (all in Crystal Lakes), 1 fire related call.

Squad 2 will now be called Rescue 1. We ordered a tray that can pull out holding our equipment, it has not arrived yet.

We have two new volunteers, both are young, both are willing to volunteer.

Smith B. just started EMT school, Bobby thinks he should be done about June. Theo is EMT certified, he was certified by other sources but brings his CO state certification to our Fire Department.

In our By-Laws we are allowed 25 full-time active members, we are close but below the 25 number.

Training was driving vehicles, having everyone familiar with all the vehicles.

Bobby mentioned next year we are going to have to add new high-quality tires to the budget for most of the vehicles.

Bobby had a meeting with the CWPP (Community Wildland Protection Plan), Our RFL Fire District was awarded about \$100,000.00 grant to update our CWPP. Bobby met with members of the Ember Alliance, and they will be implementing this CWPP plan, within the next year. They needed three citizens to be involved, Bobby volunteered himself, Caryn Hughes, and Darlene Kirkpatrick.

Supporter's Report:

Gerry is reporting the Supporter's activities for January.

The Supporter's received \$9,170.00 from check donations and \$42.00 from PayPal for a total of \$9,212.00. The Supporter's did not spend any money in January. So, we have an ending balance of \$136,757.11. We bought a used compressor from Cedarwood, California for filling the SCBA bottles. It arrived here last week, total cost with shipping was \$8,500.00, paid for by the Supporters. We had to

move things around it didn't fit where the other one was, but we will finish wiring it up this week. When the SCBA regional representative was checking the new compressor out he mentioned that our SCBA bottles were 3500 psi and the average SCBA bottles are now 5000 psi. Gerry will speak to the Supporter's Board of Directors about buying new bottles for the Fire Department, they run about \$2500. each bottle, we need 4 bottles.

OLD BUSINESS

Microgrid/generator

Gerry is going to try one more run at the generator, Theo and Jackson helped Gerry take down all the propane lines and ran the lines straight to the generator from the propane tank. This gave us a significant improvement for the generator. We are running $\frac{3}{4}$ " line, and when the ground thaws we will change this to $1\frac{1}{2}$ " line and bury the line. Gerry was able to run 80 amps and hold the 60 hertz, this should give us the 60 kw we need. Gerry will have to pull a permit for this. We may need to write up a letter of authorization for this.

Bobby took a moment here to thank Gerry for all he does for the Fire Department. Gerry is a Fire Fighter, the President of the Firehouse Supporters and he personally works on the generator and the compressor getting help from other Fire Fighters, we all thanked Gerry and we all appreciate all he does!

NEW BUSINESS

Michael Bichler, our RFLFPD webmaster

Dan started off explaining to Michael, about how he (Dan) was unable to receive any emails, as the message said his inbox was full, even though Dan deleted many emails from his inbox. Caryn added that it is inconvenient for our email inboxes to have a limit to the number of emails allowed. It seems the number is around 600 emails per inbox. [Our website is hosted by Streamline a company making our website ADA compliant (a legal requirement) and our email is hosted by Bluehost. Much to our (RFLFPD Board of Directors') frustration the two businesses do not communicate. They both point the finger to the other when we call for help. We invited Michael to the Board meeting, hoping he could help us with this problem.

Michael said that any secure email businesses limit space unless an additional fee is paid. Michael will check with other techs to see if a regular Gmail account is acceptable or how much more we would have to pay for more storage. Michael thinks the website has email available and maybe we can transfer to that. Michael also said if he creates a website that may have available email hosting.

Bobby added to sum up the Fire Department's dilemma: We need emails for all the Board members that can be transferred from one Board member to another when they change positions, or they leave the board. The next person coming in can take over that email. Do we stay with Streamline and reconfigure all the emails (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director), so we all have access to the appropriate email for the appropriate position of the Board member and moving forward we need to be able to transfer that email to somebody else?

Caryn told us we pay \$85.00 a month for Streamline to monitor our website and let us know where we are non-compliant, we were recently notified the price is going up. Blue Host is an additional fee.

Michael said this ADA compliancy is a new world for even professionals, it has only been around for a few years and it is always evolving.

Michael will check with other technicians to see if others can help with this.

Michael will load the Call for Nomination to the website.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes)

none

MEETING ADJOURNED

Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm, Darla 2nd the motion, all agreed.