

RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025, AT 6 PM HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order: 6:03 pm

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

Excused Absence: Dan Defibaugh, President

Present: Gerry Wagner, FF & President of the Firehouse Supporters (501c3)

Guest: Michelle Hesseltine, RFLFPD's DEO (Designated Election Official)

Review/Approve of Minutes:

Caryn made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 10, 2024, Brenda 2nd the motion, all approved.

Financial Report:

Caryn went over the Financial Reports for December 2024 with us.

We have \$123,963.70 on our checking account and \$287,343.03 in our savings account for a total of \$411,306.73.

Our income for December was \$15,834.74. \$4,391.83 came from taxes from the County. We received \$200 in donations, earned \$1,142.91 in interest, and made \$10,100 from selling Tender 3.

Our December expenses were Administration: \$11,416.95, which includes Insurance \$4,567.00, Accounting \$250.00, Volunteer incentives (and Christmas Party) \$5,631.79, Website hosting \$263.88, Utilities \$387.16 and general supplies \$173.94. Our December Operating expenses were \$1,236.50, which includes Training \$724.16, Medical Supplies \$372.34, StarLink connections \$140.00. Our December Capital Outlay was \$4,053.47 which included new radios \$3,621.28 and some new PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for \$432.19. Total expenses for December were \$16,706.92, resulting in a net income of -\$872.18.

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

Chief's Report:

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

Our new vehicle, known as Rescue 1, received the new lettering and decals.

In December we had 5 medical calls, which brought us to a total number of calls of 127 for the year.

The Training was Communications and sizing the scene (what is seen through the windshield as you first pull up to the scene, either a fire or vehicle accident or possibly medical, followed by a 360 look at the scene by walking around and looking for possible problems). Both Tuesday evening and the following Saturday, working with Crystal Lakes VFD.

We bought a used compressor for the SCBA tanks. It cost \$7,000.00 plus shipping. Seawestern will have to come up and hook it up, so the total will be closer to \$8,000.00. A new compressor would have cost close to \$30,000.00.

We have 2 new recruits, they were not voted in last month because of Christmas, so next week we hope they will be at our business meeting, so we can vote them in.

Supporter's Report:

We received \$26,705.00 in checks, and \$3,584.67 in through PayPal, for a total of \$30,289.67. Gerry submitted for a grant for \$5,100.00 to buy 3 new hand held radios, this is included in the total. Our only expense was United Mailing for the Solicitation letters mailing, that was \$1,079.15. The Supporters ended the year with \$127,545.17.

OLD BUSINESS

Microgrid/generator

Gerry talked to a guy out of Laramie, WY, about a diesel generator. He said the way we have the propane fuel line from the tank to the generator, up the building around the corners ect., he said every time there is a 90-degree angle we lose "flow". Last week Gerry and two firefighters took down the line straightening it, removing close to a dozen 90-degree angles and eliminating about 30 feet of line. It did sound like it is running better. Gerry has been looking into new generators and the two he is going to investigate more are a 100 kw Industrial diesel generator and 150 kw Commercial diesel generator. Gerry was told the Industrial generator should work better at our altitude. The Board budgeted \$30,000.00 and the Supporters said they would make up any difference in the price of a new generator. Gerry said the generators run close to \$50,000.00, then all the connections and fuel tanks & lines.

Budget (2025)

Nancy submitted the budget package and sent Caryn the receipt that the state received it. It will still need to be reviewed.

FPPA (Fire Police Pension Association)

FPPA received \$6,087.00 from the State of Colorado's Department of Local Affairs on behalf of the Red Feather Lakes FPD, these funds have been posted to the plan as 2024 State Matching Funds.

DEO (Designated Election Official) Election

Michelle Hesseltine, said "The Call for Nominations" will have to be published in the North Forty News in February.

We adopted a **Resolution appointing (Michelle Hesseltine) a Designated Election Official and Authorizing Designated Election Official to cancel Election**, Caryn stamped the resolution and Darla (covering for Dan the President) will come to the fire barn and sign the Resolution. Nancy will pick it up after it is signed and upload it. We will use the date of tonight's board meeting.

Caryn made a motion to adopt and approve and appoint Michelle as our designated Election Official, Nancy 2nd the motion, all approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Furnace maintenance

Grants Heating and Air, came to the fire station and gave our 3 year old furnace a tune-up. Gerry had previously installed new furnace filters. The tune up cost \$125.00. Gerry was there to meet them. Caryn wrote the check and paid them. Gerry said there is a new filter on the furnace and a new filter beside the furnace for 3-months from now, then Gerry will pick up another package of filters to have on hand.

Christmas Party

We all had a good time, good food, good people, good fun.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes)

Let's invite Michael Bichler to our February Board Meeting to talk about our website.

Caryn added new fire fighters to the FPPA list.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Caryn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm, Brenda 2nd the motion, all approved.