

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 19, 2003**

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Peg Stewart, Teri Thomas, Mary Jo Trainor, Peggy Moore, Steve Avgeris, Andy Herskind, Nancy Carlson.

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Avgeris/Trainor) to approve the minutes with one correction. The new truck is at the Deadwood Camp not in Happy Camp as was stated in the November minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that the general fund has \$13,021.10 (\$13,000 of that is basically FEMA money). The treasury account has \$16,417.10 and the Rail Road owes CRFD \$7,177.50 for the tunnel fire. Part of this money will be split with Hilt.

Hilt received a \$9,000 grant.

Teri reported that the taxes are done. This year, since the accounts receivable and accounts payable exceeded \$150,000 (due to the grant) we may need to have an audit or a review done. We will file the paperwork and if the state requires the review we will write an appeal based on the fact that the normal revenue and expenditures for CRFD is far below \$150,000. The grant for the engine is a one-time occurrence but must be shown for tax purposes. Since taxes are due in September and since our tax year is July 1, Teri will file for an annual extension, which will allow us to do the taxes later in the year.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that the FEPP grant is complete. Steve and Andy were able to buy the necessary equipment, which spent the grant. 44-14 is in service and will be permanently moved to the Ski road after winter.

44-13 (the new engine) will hopefully be ready by the end of January.

Steve has met with the appropriate people from CORP and they will cut the pine tree at the south end of the valley in the next two weeks.

The tunnel fire has been burning for three and a half weeks. It has burned 2,000 feet of the 3,000 feet of tunnel. CORP has had to shut down this route, which is costing them thousands of dollars a day in lost revenue. Steve commented that this is the most difficult fire of his career. The tunnel is old; there are heavy wooden timbers that just keep burning.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Teri has volunteered to contact Sharron Halverson, Lisa Buttrey and Matt Damon to ask if they would be willing to serve as the Budget committee again this year. The committee can select its chair but in earlier conversations that Board had commented that perhaps rotating the Chair position would be a good idea. If any of the individuals would prefer not to serve Teri will let us know and we'll find someone to replace that vacancy.

The dates for the budget process are as follows: The committee should plan on meeting with the Board at its February meeting. By the April meeting the preliminary budget should be ready to post to the public. At the May meeting the final budget will be adopted and it will be submitted to the state by the June deadline.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilt Church on January 16th 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore