

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 25, 2003**

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

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. with all Board members present.

MINUTES

M/S/P (Avgeris/Thomas) to approve the August minutes as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that the General fund has \$28,253.64 and the state treasury fund has \$5,280.64. The Marley Pratt Fund has \$975.00. Currently we have spent \$2,241.32 on the FEFP engine and we have about \$20,000 for spend on the FEMA engine.

Cheri also passed out detailed statements of expenditures and revenues.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported we had received four calls for wild land fires, three miscellaneous calls and one medical.

Steve talked to CORP and received permission to take the two trees by the tracks that are dead out. This will be done on a Saturday. CORP will close the tracks and CRDF will close the road. Information will need to go out to the community so that they can help clean up the area for free firewood.

Steve discussed the current dilemma with the FEMA engine (44-13). We were denied an extension to complete the engine. Thus, it would need to be done by the end of November (at the latest) so that the report can be filed by December 15th. One suggestion Steve put forth is to purchase a pump (\$18,000), which can go right onto the engine rather than having CDF search for and find a pump for the \$10,000 we had allocated. The latter alternative would require a lot of labor and will further delay completion of the engine. After much discussion it was M/S/P (Avgeris/Trainor) to purchase the new pump and to take the additional money from the fund that would equip the engine. It is critical to complete the engine so that the conditions of the grant can be met.

Steve reported that several fire district members visited Soda Mountain including Andy, Steve, Cheri and Mary Jo. Soda Mountain provides incredible lookout services to CRFD and the opportunity to meet Ken and Colleen was a special opportunity.

Steve mentioned that the District may have an opportunity to purchase a '94 4 wheel drive pick up which could serve as a medical unit, replacing the Bronco which is having a difficult time responding in a speedy manner. The Board authorized Steve to investigate opportunities to acquire this vehicle.

OTHER

Teri prepared a report that can be handed to our tax preparer that would answer questions he/she might have. The Board discussed the possibility that the CPA that Teri works with might be a good candidate. Teri will discuss this with her and report back.

Peggy mentioned that the COS Fire Tower is near completion and it will provide an opportunity for state of the art training for volunteer departments throughout Northern California to train.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Due to scheduling conflicts, the next Board Meeting will be on **October 24th** at 6:00p.m. at the Hilt Church. Peggy will be unable to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore