

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

February 20, 2004

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

ABSENT: None

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Avgeris) to approve the minutes of the January meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The current balance is \$56,421.34. Teri Thomas revamped the budget format making it much easier to read and deal with. The Board expressed its appreciation to Teri for all her work. Cheri reported that the FEPP grant has been completed.

BUDGET

Matt Damon, representing the budget committee, was present to discuss the budget assumptions and review the budget in light of last year's expenditures. Several items were discussed by category for next year's expenditures. The new pagers are simply not strong enough for this area. Motorola has been outsourcing its radios and the quality control is very weak. We will need to purchase radios but this is the only major expense slated for the 2004-05 budget year.

John Ames has been volunteering this time and talent doing radio maintenance.

The Board agreed to the following schedule for the budget: the budget committee will present its tentative budget in April, the budget will be amended (if needed) at the April meeting and sun shined to the public for 30 days. At the May board meeting it will be adopted and sent to the state before June 1st.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that there have been three traffic calls and one false alarm on a structure fire. 44-41 the new Hilt Rescue Unit is in service. 44-41 (the old Bronco) has been returned to ODF and 44-14 the FEPP grant engine is complete and in service. It will go to the Ski Road for the summer. 44-13 is at Deadwood Camp and will probably be ready in six weeks.

CRFD purchased the Fruit Grower's pick up for \$1,000. Steve, Andy and John Ames have spent a number of hours fixing it.

Training is now underway with 18 people having attended the first training on February 7th. Five of these are junior volunteers. Individuals who are not able to attend must make up the meetings. Peggy suggested that Steve videotape the trainings so that he does not have to spend additional time "catching people up."

Steve met with the Forest Service representatives on the "Coletin Thin" (436 acres) in Milk Creek Plantation. This area was reforested from the 1932, 1964 and 1981 fires. All are pine. They requested that the Fire District support the thinning project since a number of these trees are bug infested and if not thinned will infect the rest of the stand. In addition, fuel reduction and the enhancement of native wildlife would be added bonuses for thinning.

Cheri will send Peggy the information and Peggy will develop some informational flyers that will be put around the District. The flyers will inform residents that the District will accept comments for two weeks and will take action on the Forest Service's request at the March meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on March 19th at 6 p.m. at the Hilt Church.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore