

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

May 21, 2004

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Teri Thomas, Peg Stewart, Mary Jo Trainor, Peggy Moore, Steve Avgeris, Andy Herskind, Carole Herskind, Mat Small, Chris McKinnes, Lisa Buttrey, Elaine Shanafelt, Jerry Shanafelt, John Ames, Chuck Biegert, Laurel Biegert, Bill Rooker, Eric Pietrelli, Nancy Carlson,

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Carl Varak, Jeff Kesier and Don Hall from the USFS

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

US FOREST SERVICE FUEL REDUCTION PLAN

Members of the US Forest Service presented an overview of the proposed fuel reduction plan. A letter from the Klamath National Forest Supervisor was sent, by CRFD, to each resident who lives in the area explaining the proposal and inviting them to attend tonight's meeting for a presentation and discussion of the proposal. Eleven community members (listed above) were in attendance. The presentation touched on the history of the area, both in terms of planting and fire, and expanded on the reasons for proposing the fuels reduction plan. A number of people asked questions that helped to further explain the value of the proposal.

Don Hall, who works with community projects which provide federal funds for projects which are collaborative in nature and support fire plans developed by the community also explained his part of the agency and encouraged CRFD to develop a plan and submit a proposal for funding.

After a short break the Board reconvened and it was M/S/P (Trainor/Avgeris) to write a letter of support to the Supervisor of the Klamath National Forest on behalf of the Colestin Rural Fire District.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Avgeris/Trainor) to approve the minutes of the May [sic; April] meeting as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that we have \$11,817.71 in the General Fund and \$18,179.06 in the State fund. Besides Workman's Compensation, there are no large outstanding bills.

2004-05 BUDGET

The tentative budget, presented at the April meeting, was posted at Stateline, at Station One and on the Web Site. Neither the Budget Committee nor the Board received comment from the community about the budget. That being the case it was M/S/P (Stewart/Trainor) to approve the budget as submitted by the Budget Committee at the April meeting.

The Board thanked the Budget Committee and Teri Thomas for all their work. Teri commented that the District is in good financial shape, barring any serious unplanned expenditure.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we received one mutual aid call to assist Hornbrook since the last meeting.

Engine 44-13 (the new structure Engine) has been promised by the end of the month. However, they will need to put a primer pump on the engine, which was not budgeted for. The cost is about \$900. Cheri quickly reviewed the grants and found that we could purchase it from some of the unspent money.

Training continues but Steve mentioned that attendance is slipping. It will probably only continue for another two to three weeks.

CRFD has received a request for annexation from a property on Old Hwy 99. Steve will check the property and then write a recommendation, either pro or con, to the Board of Supervisors.

Steve reported that two of the three individuals who have contracts with CRFD for fire protection have not paid. Cheri will notify them that she is notifying the county of their nonpayment, which results in a cancellation of the contract, leaving them without fire protection.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Peggy will be unable to attend the regularly scheduled meetings in June, July and September. The Board agreed to hold the regular June meeting on the 3rd Friday [June 18th] but will change the other two meetings.

***PLEASE NOTE: July meeting will be JULY 23
September meeting will be SEPTEMBER 24***

OTHER

Lisa Buttrey has agreed to sell flags on the 4th of July.

Peggy suggested that an Ad Hoc committee be put together to work on a Fire Protection Plan, which would involve potential federal money from the program Don Hall mentioned. John Ames, Lisa Buttrey and Elaine Shanafelt were suggested. Peggy will contact them. They will need to work closely with Steve to identify the key areas in the District that would benefit the most from this project.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore