

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
November 19, 2004**

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Peggy Moore, Peg Stewart, Teri Thomas, Steve Avgeris, Andy Herskind, Lisa Buttrey.

ABSENT: Mary Jo Trainor

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

**MINUTES**

It was M/S/P (Avgeris/Stewart) to approve the minutes of the October meeting as distributed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cheri reported that the checking account has \$4,359.11 and the state fund has \$23,374.43. The Board received a quarterly accounting of the expenditures and revenues to date, including percentages of budgeted amount and the overage and underage.

Cheri reported that we should receive a large percentage of the tax revenue by mid December. She reported that we also received \$500. for fire fighting which is not indicated on the revenue sheet.

We received information from our insurance agent that there is a new regulation that any equipment purchase over \$5,000 requires special paperwork. Cheri will call Special Districts to check more fully on this.

**COMMUNITY FIRE PLAN**

Lisa provided the Board with an update of the community fire plan. She has done an excellent job of coordinating this project and she will report the general findings in The Buzz (the Board received a copy of the information that will go out). It appears that most people who responded see a real need to deal with the over dense vegetation in the valley. She has managed to gather a good number of volunteers, willing to help. There are two task groups meeting - one on signage and one on inspections. Part of the plan is to give stickers to residents who comply with the regulations of the state Senate bill and exceed them. This will provide responders with information about whether the property is defensible.

The Board and Lisa discussed the problem of total "buy in." There never will be. But, if we can hope for a 70% buy in we will be in good shape.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve reported that we have received five calls since the last meeting. One was a flu fire; two were false alarms, one vegetation fire and one medical. Steve shared with the Board his concern about the number of flu fires so far this winter (5). He stated that several that he responded to had flues that had not been cleaned in several years. He asked that Betsy send post cards out, listing chimney cleaners in the Yreka and Jackson county area. We would not be endorsing any but simply providing phone numbers. These are the most preventable kinds of fires yet some of the most dangerous if people are not willing to clean their flues.

Lisa suggested that next spring or summer we have a point person who could work with one or two businesses to set up cleaning. It might be cheaper for the individuals needing cleaning. This is a community safety issue.

Steve reported that he had a conversation with Bernie Paul about 26-29 (the 4 wheel drive engine). Siskiyou County will purchase this engine and it will be stationed in Hilt. If needed, the engine will be used by CDF and no rent revenue will be received by Hilt. On the other hand, expenses for maintenance will be handled through the county.

### **OTHER**

Cheri reported that she found a company that does really nice jackets with the logo and embroidery for \$50.00 each, if we bought ten. She suggested we do so for the Chiefs and key volunteers. Peggy stated that she believes it could cause hard feelings. We don't have criteria set for how volunteers would be chosen.

Lisa suggested that we have a chart that volunteers could chart their hours. This might be one way. The Board discussed the possibility of having a jacket and a plaque for the volunteer of the year. There is also the possibility of providing an opportunity to purchase these by individual volunteers.

Teri suggested that the community could show its appreciation to those who volunteer by purchasing jackets. Some members felt it should be "all or none," except the volunteer of the year. Another suggestion Teri made was to either fundraise or write a proposal to underwrite the cost.

This item will be considered at the next meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilt Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore