

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 16, 2005**

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Steve Avgeris, Carolyn Brafford,
Andy Herskind.

ABSENT: Mary Jo Trainor

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

RESIGNATION

Cheri reported that Peg Stewart informed her that she was resigning from the Board. We will receive an official letter but in the mean time the Board is to consider the position vacant. It was M/S/P (Avgeris/Thomas) to accept Peg Stewart's resignation with regret. Peggy will send her a letter thanking her for over 20 years of service.

APPOINTMENT

Carolyn Brafford has agreed to join the Board to fill the vacant term. It was M/S/P (Thomas/Avgeris) to appoint Carolyn Brafford to fill the vacant term.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri provided the Board with handouts showing the expenditures to date, by category. She reported that the General Fund has \$6,923.55, the State Treasurer's Fund has \$9,128.66 and the Restricted (water tender) Fund has \$30,053.25

Carolyn asked if the gas budget was large enough given the increase in the cost of gas. Steve replied that it probably was not but there should be other categories that we can move money from.

Cheri reported that the Secretary of State is requiring CRFD to increase the bond for the treasurer to \$50,000 due to the increase in the amount of money she handles. This is due to grants. The Board agreed this should be approved.

Carolyn has agreed to write a grant for protective clothing, which, if we are successful in obtaining, will free up about \$1,200 currently, budgeted in that category.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported we have received 3 calls since the last meeting –one medical, one vegetation fire and one vegetation fire that was cancelled.

Upper Colestin road is completed as far as the county is concerned. It's banked and chevrons are supposed to be put up. The County still does not want to place warning signs on the road. Steve will monitor this during the winter.

Cheri and John Ames attended a meeting with Siskiyou County agencies regarding the FEMA grant that California received for communication. CRFD/Hilt will receive 18 portable radios, 10 mobiles, one base station and 28 pagers. This will put all the agencies on the narrow band width and make communications much more effective. Compatibility with emergency related agencies was the key to applying for the grant. All agencies (including CHP, OSP, Cal Trans, O Dot and fire departments) will be able to seamlessly communicate with one another. However, all will require serious training.

Steve is planning on keeping both communication systems in place (initially so they run parallel) and once the new system is in place, the older system will allow internal communication, keeping us off the common system for internal needs).

Steve reported that the Fire Station needs to have an electric door openers for safety reasons. The current doors are simply too heavy. Carolyn will call around for bids and the item will be discussed at the next meeting.

OTHER

Dave Campbell notified Steve early this evening that he planned to attend the meeting to discuss the insurance package for this year. Peggy asked if this couldn't be done by mail.

The Board waited about 15 minutes after the meeting ended and Dave did not appear.

NEXT MEETING

The Board, at the August meeting, agreed to change the monthly meetings to the 1st Wednesday of the Month. The next meeting will be **October 5th at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore