

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

August 11, 2006

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

ABSENT: Carolyn Brafford

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that the Checking account has \$6,799.13, the savings account (water tender) \$1,657.29 and the Treasurers account has \$14,186.66. Hilt and Colestin earned \$5,831 (not included in the above figures) from working at the Hornbrook CDF station. Colestin's portion is \$3,064.25

Teri provided the Board with an excellent year end report of income and expenditures broken down by category. The good news is that we could pay off the loan for the water tender since we have a balance but Teri cautioned that we should wait and see what the levy revenues are in November. Paying it off early could save the District about \$1,500 but we are still in the middle of fire season and the levy revenue last year was higher than anticipated. It may not be this year.

Steve told the Board that the water tender needs a gear replacement. He could wait, as it is in service locally as is, but it cannot go on outside calls. Peggy pointed out that one reason for getting the tender, besides the obvious need in the District, is that it can provide rental income for CRFD. The Board agreed that Steve should get the gears replaced now and the income generated will more than cover those costs which can be reapplied to either the loan payment or unexpected expenses.

Cheri asked if the Board wanted a detailed financial report for every meeting and we agreed that a detailed quarterly report would be sufficient.

The Board thanked both Teri and Cheri for their work on the budget and the financial reporting.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we had five calls, which we handled but were outside of our service area. These occurred when we were in charge of the CDF Hornbrook station. There were 3 calls within the District.

Steve thanked Andy, Cheri, Sharron Halvorson and John Ames for serving at the Hornbrook station.

Steve reminded the Board that we need to consider a portable building for the rescue and the Chief's pick up during the winter months. The Board asked for costs and Steve estimates it will be a couple of thousand. Response during the snowy months is very difficult when the vehicles are covered in snow and this would allow a better response time. Cheri will provide the Board with prices closer to the time we need to purchase it.

Steve reported that no engineers have yet requested their driving test, which must be completed each year and is due by January of 2007. He will begin contacting them to set up times.

He will try scheduling for primary coverage so that he and Andy are not the only people scheduled. Volunteers should remember that in each instance there are others who will respond and we always have mutual aid.

Finally, the trauma bag in 44-10 was ruined (that is, the contents got wet). We will purchase a plastic bag that will avoid this problem in the future.

COLESTIN STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

Steve reported that the Forest Service put out the RFP for the 463 acre thinning project, to provide fire safety to part of the Valley. They received no responses. Hilltop Logging and Timber Products did, at the last minute, put in a bid and it was accepted. The bid will basically just cover the actual costs of the project. This is a key project since the underbrush and general area is dense and if a fire started it would not be able to be put out.

FIRE HOUSE AND TRUCK MAINTENANCE

Steve reported that we must get either volunteers or hire someone to wash the trucks and keep the fire house clean. Hilt is going to try and advertise and see if they can find someone. Carolyn had no luck with her plea to the community in the Buzz.

Steve believes it would be a job for about 4 hours a week, every week. It must be done and it's unfair to ask volunteers or the Chief to continue to take on these duties among all the other time they donate.

Frankly, if the community doesn't want to step up with time to do this, then they can pay to have it done. We will budget money to handle this. Teri will check on the payroll aspects of this and Cheri will check on the insurance implications. This will be on the next Board meeting for action.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Friday, September 8th at 6 p.m at the Hilt Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore