

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 13, 2006**

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

ABSENT: None

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Avgeris/Brafford) to approve the September minutes as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that we have \$14,572.58 in the state treasurer's account, \$11,885.28 in the general checking account and \$1,658.75 in savings. CRFD received a check for the services Cheri, Andy and Sharron provided during the fire season from CDF. It was over \$2,000, which they donated back to the fire district.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we received two calls since the last meeting. One fire on Bailey Hill and one tree across the tracks.

The curtain drain is complete around the fire house (as part of the US Cell project). The cell system is not yet complete but hopefully it will be before weather hits.

Steve proposed that given the tragedy that occurred as a result of the eco terrorists on Hilltop Logging, he does not have the time to create the pad for the portable building to house the trucks in winter. The cost will be about \$3,000 and he proposes we wait until spring when he will have the time. This will, of course, create a continued hardship on him with snow when an emergency occurs. It was M/S/P (Brafford/Thomas) to authorize the funds in the amount of \$3,000 to purchase the building when it is feasible.

Steve mentioned that one resident believes we should try and continue to find a volunteer to clean the stations. They are in need of cleaning or organizing. The Board agreed to wait 30 days, until the next Board meeting, to take final action on authorizing this position. After discussion, several Board members reiterated that continued efforts have been made to find a volunteer with no success. The Board is also concerned that we not use an individual who is already a volunteer fire fighter as it is too much to expect. This item will be voted on at the next meeting and if a volunteer, who is not already volunteering, does not come forth we will hire the job out.

Steve reported that once fire season is really over, he would replace the gearshift on the water tender. He wants to also spend quality time with the engineers. Once they are fully trained, he will have them train other volunteers. The Board agreed that this is an excellent approach.

Steve thanked Teri for organizing the engineer driving tests.

Finally, he reported that Hilt is turning in 44-11 to CDF and it will be re-issued to another District in need of help. Another engine will be coming to Hilt (2668) and he will move 44-10 to Hilt and keep that in service.

It was M/S/P (Trainor/Brafford) to substitute 44-10 from Colestin to Hilt.

Steve will have volunteers (after a training) do a cleaning of the station so it can move into a maintenance mode.

FOREST SERVICE CONTRACT

The Board expressed its deep concern for the eco terrorism that occurred to Hilltop Logging. The Board has been supportive of the efforts of Hilltop Logging to accept the Forest Service contract (which no one else would accept) to thin out the plantation in order to effectively manage the health of the forest and to provide a means to safe guard the Valley from a very, very serious fire should the thinning not occur. This project is critical to both the safety of the people and property in the Valley and to the continued health of the forest lands in the Valley.

NEXT MEETING'

The next meeting will be on November 10th at 6:00 at the Hilt Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore