

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

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Carolyn Brafford, Teri Thomas, Peggy Moore, Steve Avgeris, Tod Davies, Andy Herskind, Jim Sweet, Carole Herskind, Sharron Halvorson, Nancy Cole.

ABSENT: Mary Jo Trainor (excused)

Peggy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

ANNEXATION

Nancy Cole presented a petition for annexation from Marshall Cole and Nancy Cole. Steve recommended that the Board approve the annexation request for the rest of the Cole property to come into the District. It was M/S/P (Thomas/Brafford) to approve the requested annexation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that we have \$5,713.76 in the regular checking account; \$34,509.69 in the State account and \$1,660.82 in the Savings account.

RESIGNATION

Mary Jo Trainor has submitted a letter of resignation from the Board, effective June 1, 2007 and a second letter authorizing a proxy vote for Tod Davies who will be attending meetings in this capacity for April and May. The Board accepted Mary Jo's letter with regret but due to work responsibilities she cannot continue to serve as both a Board member and a fire fighter. While we appreciate her efforts in both areas, she is a skilled firefighter and we believe we can find another person willing to serve on the Board.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that CRFD has received five calls since the last meeting. There are also problems with SORC routing calls but this will be taken care of.

Jim Sweet brought the executed agreement between CDF and CRFD, which Peggy signed on behalf of CRFD. The Board expressed its appreciation to Jim for all his efforts on our behalf to make this happen.

Steve reported that the Sharron was able to find money in the budget (about \$1,200) to purchase a new radiator for the water tender so that it will be completed ready for service. Previously the

Board had wanted to wait until July 1st but having it done now will definitely improve both service and potentially avoid any damage that might have occurred to the vehicle. It is in service but Steve will do the work in the next week or so in order for it to be completely ready for fire season.

Steve reported that the proposed annexation of the ski road might not happen. There is a split now in the community and the commissioners are not supportive of the annexation. CRFD will propose a new agreement, opting out of providing service for vehicles on the ski road due to the number of calls especially in the winter. As a totally volunteer department we simply do not have the human resources to respond to several calls a day. Peggy has asked that when such a letter is drafted, we have an attorney review it for potential issues.

Carolyn asked that the matter be brought up again in June.

Finally, Steve reported that Hilltop logging began the Colestin Stewardship program this morning. It is a pilot program for thinning and clearing for fuel loads and for the ecology of the forest. Peggy suggested that before and after pictures be taken.

BUDGET

Sharron reported that she has not received any comments on the budget from the community nor has Steve. Sharron reviewed a few changes with the Board, noting that income from the ski road was only budgeted for six months so that number will increase and no income from the water tender has been budgeted. It was M/S/P (Thomas/Brafford) to adopt the budget as proposed. In twenty days Sharron will send the budget to the state.

The Board expressed its continued appreciation to Sharron and her committee for all their work in providing a thorough budget that meets the District's needs.

Sharron and Teri both mentioned that once we hit \$50,000 in revenue, we might need to develop a new auditing and record keeping process. Teri will check on the legality and report back.

25th ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Given the training schedule, the Board suggested that we hold the BBQ in September, after Labor Day.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on May 11th at 6:00 at the Hilt Church. Tod mentioned that she would be out of town but back for the June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore

