

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 9, 2007**

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Carolyn Brafford, Peggy Moore, Steve Avgeris, Andy Herskind, Carole Herskind, Jim Sweet, Sharron Halverson, Lisa Buttrey, Cal Fire Fire Fighters.

ABSENT: Mary Jo Trainor, Teri Thomas.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that we have \$3,542.18 in the regular account, \$42,224.73 in the county fund and \$1,659.80 in the savings account. We purchased shirts and hats for sale at Stateline (as they are sold out). Steve will also give hats to our volunteers, in honor of our 25th anniversary.

Cheri stated that the equipment grant was filed; Cheri typed the proposal, and it was developed and submitted by Karen Dwyer and Tod Davies. The total amount of the proposed grant is \$9,000 with CRFD matching \$950.00. We should receive notification by the end of April. Cheri offered a correction to the February minutes.

AUTOMATIC AID

Jim Sweet presented the Board with an agreement between CAL Fire (CRF) and Hilt/Colestin. It will still need signatures but has gone through the appropriate channels and is ready to be signed. It replaces the current mutual aid agreement for the following conditions: Automatic aid to Hilt. Automatic aid to CRFD (within a 5 miles radius into Oregon. Previously it was a 2 mile radius). This will provide tremendous support to CRFD. In exchange, CRFD will provide the water tender at no charge to the city of Hornbrook.

After several questions, it was M/S/P (Brafford/Avgeris) to approve the agreement.

BUDGET

The Board thanked Sharron Halverson and Lisa Buttrey for once again agreeing to serve as the Budget committee. Karen Dwyer will join them for her second year. Steve pointed out the "wish list" and Cheri asked that \$500 be put aside for a copier/printer. The wish list is in priority order. The Board asked the committee not to budget income from the Ski Road taxes as it is expected that will finally be resolved and they will come under District 5. Peggy pointed out that part of that income would be replaced by the \$6,700 from US Cell.

Sharron pointed out that a review of the expenditure pattern might back fill the rest of that income. The committee will present a tentative budget at the March meeting and it will be sunshined in April for final adoption in May.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that 1st responder training will begin March 27th from 6-10 and will continue for ten weeks and one full Saturday. Lisa will post the information in the Buzz and Betsy will put it on the website. Noel Sweet is the instructor.

Steve will work training dates around the 1st responder course to try and avoid ten weeks of two nights a week.

Steve apologized that the water tender is not yet fixed. It will be in service by Monday night. He has hired another certified mechanic. Lucas Morgan has been cleaning both stations. Hilt will repay Colestin for Lucas' time in the Hilt station.

44-40 is back in service.

There has been a pager problem with the new pagers. Jim Sweet is aware of it. Apparently, the frequency of one of the other volunteer departments in California (probably the Fort Jones area) sets our pagers off when their pagers go off. Jim will investigate.

Steve discussed the problem with the entire Colestin Road, especially the top road because the county has been putting granite and not mixing it with rock. This creates a washboard effect, which is dangerous in that it slows emergency response time.

Steve asked Peggy to write a letter to the head of public works, outlining our safety concerns.

Steve mentioned that this August is our 25th anniversary. Rather than host a large event as we did with the 20th, Peggy suggested a community b-b-que as we had two years ago. Sharron suggested we could show off the new water tender. This would provide community awareness and provide an opportunity for folks to get together.

The Board will discuss at the next meeting.

Steve reported that Mary Jo Trainor's work situation has changed and although she has filed for the Board position she will need to give up some of her work with CRFD. Both Steve and Cheri discussed this with her and while she is valuable in a variety of areas in the Fire District, she has been a well trained volunteer who responds and we feel we can find someone else for the Board but it would be very difficult to replace her in the firefighter ranks.

The Board will come up with some potential names for people who might serve. We want to have a balance and perhaps invite someone from an underrepresented segment of the community.

OTHER

Both Lisa and Sharron suggested that our new engine take part in the 4th of July parade in Ashland. Others suggested we might rotate and in other years do Hornbrook and Yreka. Peggy will contact the Chamber and get the information for applying.

Steve asked Peggy to contact Chief Alan Stovall about 2668, which she will do. We need to get that engine here.

NEXT MEETING

The Board graciously agreed to hold the March and April meetings on the second Friday and then discuss a permanent monthly day for subsequent meetings. The next meeting will be on Friday, March 9th at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore