

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
January 12, 2007**

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

**ABSENT:** Mary Jo Trainor

**GUESTS:** Jim Sweet (CDF), Dave Campbell (Wilson-Heirgood Insurance)

**INSURANCE**

Dave Campbell reviewed with both the CRFD and Hilt Boards, the insurance package for 2007. He pointed out the new "Take 5 for Safety" program which is a booklet provided by Wilson-Heirgood to help Districts across the state reduce practices that may create safety problems. The publication includes 22 topics.

Dave reminded the Boards that for \$10.00 a year, individuals could join the Oregon Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, which includes, as a benefit, insurance. CRFD belongs as an organization.

The cost for insurance for both Districts is as follows:

\$3,469.50 was the package for 2006.

\$3,471.00 is the cost for 2007 (an increase of 1.50 which is amazing)

Worker's Comp is \$923.00

On Duty accidental death - \$702.00

Off duty accidental death \$220.00

Teri informed Dave that because of the grants we have CRFD will need to increase the bond from \$50,000 to at least \$75,000. Dave stated that the cost to increase it to \$100,000 (which would cover any future needs) is \$92.00 a year.

The Board thanked Dave for once again making the trip down and for his help and guidance in getting us the best coverage at the lowest price.

**MINUTES**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cheri reported that we have \$8,215.20 in the checking account, \$40,540.07 in the State Treasury account and \$1,659.45 in Savings. The gearbox for the water tender still needs to be completed

so that expense is not reflected in the balances. Cheri pointed out that the insurance premiums have basically been paid and there are no large outstanding bills.

Cheri passed out an annual breakdown of the calls received and responded to in 2006. There were 46. The sheets broke them down by type of incident, by day of the week and by month. This is a very helpful set of documents and the Board expressed its appreciation, once again, for Cheri's extra work.

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve pointed out that three Board members are up for election this year (Teri Thomas, Mary Jo Trainor and Carolyn Brafford). Teri and Carolyn have the necessary paperwork and Steve will get Mary Jo hers. The election is May 15<sup>th</sup> and papers must be filed by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

44-40 is slated to go to the shop on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be out of service for one week.

Jim Sweet stated that he would check into the possibility of the CDF engine from Hornbrook providing automatic aid, which would be a tremendous help.

Steve reported that we have still received only one application for cleaning the fire station. The Board approved Steve hiring Lucas Morgan to perform these duties. Teri suggested that he be hired right away and that he be paid once a month on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Steve informed the Board that training would begin in February.

Steve presented the Board with a proposal to apply for a grant for equipment. The total amount of the proposal (it's an RFA) is for \$9,950.60. Grants under \$10,000 are typically funded more easily than large grants and this equipment will greatly help our volunteers as we move into fire season. It requires a 10% match.

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Brafford) to approve the submission of the grant.

Finally, Steve reported that with some of the equipment in the grant volunteers can "hire out" in the spring for private clearing of brush on property in the Valley.

Teri mentioned that we still need bladder bags (about \$135. per bag), Peggy said with revenue above projected revenue we could purchase a few in May. Jim offered to see if he could come up with a couple,

## **BUDGET**

Teri reminded the Board that we need to contact the Budget Committee for the 2007-08 budget. The cycle is as follows: February meeting the budget committee needs to attend to discuss the needs. March meeting we need to approve the preliminary budget, which is publicly sun, shined in April with the final approval at the May meeting for submission to the state in June.

Peggy will contact Sharron Halverson.

Peggy will also call the new City Administrator to check on the status of the Ski Road.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Hilt Church. If everyone is agreeable, we will go back to the Wednesday schedule in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore