

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

**PRESENT:** Cheri Avgeris, Carolyn Brafford, Tod Davies, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Steve Avgeris, Andy Herskind, Carole Herskind, Katheryn Brafford, Betsy Bradshaw.

**ABSENT:** None

The meeting was called to order at the Hilt Church at 6:05 pm

**MINUTES**

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Davies) to approve the minutes of the October meeting as distributed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Teri provided the Board with a Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual document. She is pleased to report that last year's prior cash reserves (\$23,714) were augmented by the 06-07 net income of \$16,502 leaving our cash reserves as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at \$40,216. At its last meeting the Board approved paying off the loan to Joan Buttrey (about \$9,000) still leaving a reserve of \$31,000. Teri pointed out that this amount does not include any income (unbudgeted or budgeted) from July 1<sup>st</sup> on. By paying the loan early we saved about \$1,000. We received income from fire fighting over what was budgeted and the Ski road tax revenue will still be included in our income.

Chief Avgeris tempered his urge to request a new fire truck.

Cheri provided the Board with the monthly budget detail and pointed out that this month is always the lowest in terms of money since we have not yet received any income from taxes, which will begin next month.

The checking account has \$12,452.91, the Savings has \$1,663.26 and the Treasury account has \$12,428.33.

Cheri reminded the Board that our share from the CDF fires would be about \$4,700. We typically budget very low in this category. This is money earned by the work of our volunteers who fight these fires or drive the water tender and donate their money back to the District.

Cheri pointed out that the proposed revenue of about \$32,000 from taxes represents about a 3% increase, the amount allowed by law.

The Board commended Teri and Cheri for their diligence in keeping us solvent and managing to create reserves for a bad fire year.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve reported that CRFD had no calls since the last meeting. We signed another contract with a new resident on Old Hwy 99 for \$150. Once their house is built and they have been assessed, we will issue a new contract, which will be the same per \$1,000 of value as residents in the District pay.

Steve asked that we discuss the Railroad issue. Tod reported that she had contacted the company and not heard back. After further investigation she located a different individual and did receive the following information: the company expects that local farmers want the railroad ties for around the farm and should just pick them up. Tod responded that our community has few farmers and they have no idea that would be allowed.

She asked for a letter from the company stating that policy. She will contact Lisa and ask that the information be placed in the Buzz. Steve stated that local people would not pick all of them up although Tod knows a number of individuals who want them. Cheri pointed out that some are in inaccessible areas.

Steve asked Tod to continue to work with them, requesting, in particular, a plan for removal of the ties once the community has taken what they want. This is an ongoing problem since each year they replace ties and leave the old ones on the side of the road. If they are unable to come up with a permanent solution we will contact DEQ and ask for their intervention.

Tod will pursue.

Steve reported that the Cole properties have been officially annexed into the District.

The TIDE Foundation has officially offered CRFD a grant. Cheri was not able to ascertain the amount. Steve suggested that since the TIDE Foundation was the organization that allowed us to purchase the Rescue Unit, it would be appropriate to use this money to paint and do the necessary body work on the vehicle. The Board agreed and we should allocate any additional money from the reserves to complete the project. Cheri will get a bid but didn't want to until she had an amount from the TIDE Foundation. They have always been very, very generous to CRFD.

Steve reported that the stewardship project is completed for this year.

Steve asked that the Board write a letter to Frank Marin for all the electrical work he did for Station 1. As a result of putting in the third bay door all the wiring had to be disconnected and then reconnected. Steve has repeatedly asked Frank for a bill but none has been forthcoming. Peggy will write a letter.

## **FUNDRAISING/GRANTS**

Tod reported that SOU is still interested in doing a showing of Alex's new film but given the loops and hoops it won't occur until March. She will continue to pursue.

Tod received information from the Lomakatsi group on possible grants. They appear to be focused on business rather than residential projects. Some of the areas they target as being fundable are pre fire planning, fighting fire and sprinkle systems, fire and arson, fire prevention and education and training.

Carolyn and Tod both mentioned that there are a number of residents who have small businesses and work from their homes. She asked that Steve and the Board think about possible areas we might apply for. There is no grant deadline. Tod mentioned that Karen Dwyer has already written most of the grant but we haven't identified the particular project. The grants are reviewed quarterly.

The item will be placed on the December agenda.

## **WEBSITE**

Betsy took some pictures for the website.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on **December 14<sup>th</sup>** at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Brafford/Avgeris) to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore