

COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
September 14, 2007

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Carolyn Brafford, Tod Davies, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Steve Avgeris, Andy Herskind, Carole Herskind, Mouna Wilson, Katherine Brafford.

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Avgeris/Davies) to approve the minutes as corrected (via email). The Board thanked Carolyn for the excellent job of taking thorough minutes.

COMMUNITY CONCERN

Peggy invited Mouna Wilson to present her concerns about the recent clearing project. Mouna had voiced her concerns in a letter to the Buzz. The Board listened to the concerns that Mouna raised, particularly about the lack of communication about the project.

Several Board members pointed out that a community meeting was held in 2004, which Mouna attended. There was an article in the Buzz in November of 2006. The Board was sympathetic to the issues Mouna raised but stated that as an elected Board, responsible for fire safety in the Valley, our first priority is and will continue to be safety of our residents, the structures and the surrounding land in our jurisdiction. As with all organizations, communication can always improve. In the future, the District will attempt to not only hold a community meeting but to notify residents via post cards about the upcoming projects.

At this time there are no planned projects in the Colestin Valley that will impact the land surrounding any residences.

The Board thanked Mouna for attending the meeting and sharing her concerns.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that the general fund has \$22,352, the treasury account has \$10,307.06 and the savings account has \$1,662.56. There are no immediate large expenses planned.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that there are problems with illegal chain saws being operated. There was one illegal dump and he notified the Forest service. They will be investigating and pressing charges.

The doors for the fire house are in. Some lights will need to be changed to accommodate the space the doors need to open and close.

Steve reported that the CDF engine that we had been counting on will probably not be happening. 44-10 will stay where it is.

The brushing is done for the steward ship project and Hilltop Logging will continue the project but it is not in an area where people live, in October. Steve reported that, as a result of the success of this project, 15 more projects would begin in Siskiyou and Klamath Counties. The Salmon River project is the next one.

Steve thanked Tod for the excellent letter to the Railroad, requesting that they remove the ties that pose a fire danger. Tod offered to follow up once they have received the letter if they don't act quickly.

COMMUNITY GATHERING

The Board would still like to do a community gathering to celebrate our 25th anniversary but the window of time has slipped by. The Board agreed we need to do a b b que in May of 08, which is within our 25th year.

ALEX COX BENEFIT

Tod has been working with the Independent Film Festival on the benefit for CRFD of Alex's new film. They want the money from the benefit. Tod is now working with SOU to do the film. There are some issues but she believes they can be resolved. The film club is very anxious to have the opportunity to show the film.

NEXT MEETING

Two of the Board members will not be available for the regular meeting on October 12th. The Board agreed to hold the regular October meeting on October 5th instead.

PLEASE REMEMBER: The October Board meeting will be October 5th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore