

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 10, 2009**

PRESENT: Tod Davies, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Steve Avgeris, Betsy Bradshaw

ABSENT: Cheri Avgeris, Carolyn Brafford

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve passed out the reports and Teri reviewed them for the Board. The checking account has \$19,614.80, the Savings account \$1,667.63 and the State Treasury account \$20,000.

Teri reported that 97% of the budget was spent in the fiscal 2008-09 year which is the closest we've come to spending the budget. Reserves look very healthy.

Teri also reported that she and Cheri would work on the rental income (generated from 4413) so that it can specifically show in Colestin's budget. Much of this rental money has been able to be used to bring all the vehicles into good repair, which, without the rental money, we could not have afforded to do.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported there has been no activity (in terms of response calls) since the last meeting except for a fire in Hornbrook yesterday. It was 40 acres in the Copco area and Cal Fire brought tons of equipment (including a helicopter, cat, etc) to the area. Our water tender spent 7 hours on site for which we will be paid. Unfortunately, given the state of the economy in California, we will probably receive an IOU.

Steve met with Tyler McCarty, the Protection Supervisor for ODF and Dereck Burns, also of ODF with regard to reports of illegal fire works in the Valley. Steve has received several calls about this issue but we have been unable to identify the responsible parties. Given the increasingly dangerous fire season, this is a serious concern.

ODF wants us to post "No Fire Works Signs" in the Valley, which we will do. Betsy pointed out that the recent cards sent to Valley residents had information about fireworks and the website also contains information. However, ODF says people who are not residents or do not get the cards should also be informed.

Tod suggested that prior to the 4th next year, we get a story in the Tidings and/or Trib about fire works and the potential danger.

Steve informed the Board that the firehouse is going to be painted starting next week.

He also requested that a letter go to the Road Department in Siskiyou County about the horrible condition of the road in California. It's tearing up trucks and is a danger. Peggy will find out the department head and draft a letter.

RAILROAD TIES

Steve reported that over five weeks ago the representative from the railroad was to contact him about the disposition of the ties. He has put them in contact with Bio Mass 5. Tod will call them again and if nothing happens, she'll contact Peter Buckley for further follow up.

GRANTS

Tod had notified some of the Board about the success of the \$11,000 volunteer fire fighter assistance grant, which we have been assured we will receive. In conversations with the granting agency, Tod has been assured that if we apply after October 31st we should be eligible again for next year. The Board thanked Tod for her continued persistence on working on grants that help us to move the fire district forward.

Betsy mentioned the Kiosk project and said she would get some prices to bring to the Board. Tod suggested she send that information to her as well so that she can see if a communication grant might be available to pay for this. The Kiosk could also house fire works signs and other community safety information.

COMMUNITY PICNIC

Peggy asked if we could move the date of the community picnic to Sunday, September 20th. The Board agreed. Tod will be here and willing to head up the community "report" on the state of the District. Steve will get "grillers" and the event will be from 1-3 at the Hilt Church.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Friday, August 14th at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

There being no further business, it was M/S/P (Thomas/Davies) to adjourn the meeting at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore