

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 19th, 2009**

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

ABSENT: None.

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

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Brafford) to approve the minutes as corrected and submitted through email.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that we have \$34,752.60 in the County Account, \$7,084.66 in the Checking account and \$1,667.63 in Savings. Teri commented that the "bottom line" looked pretty. We are doing well in our spending pattern and our revenue is on target.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we received four calls since the last meeting. These included two vehicle fires, one wildland fire and one controlled burn. Steve commented that recently we seem to be called to respond to incidents that are not within our response area and he will be meeting with the new Battalion Chief, Keith Callison, to discuss this issue. Steve will also invite Keith to the next Board meeting.

ODF has announced fire season started at 12:01 last night. Betsy will be sending post cards out to residents reminding them of fire season. Currently the fire level is moderate.

Steve received a letter from US Cell formalizing the termination of the agreement between CRFD and US Cell. The last winter was so severe that US Cell could not get in to fix their equipment. Access is the problem.

Steve received a letter from the election office with the following votes: Cheri received 31 votes, Peggy 25, The write in (Tod's position) Tod received 12 votes, Lisa Buttrey 2 votes, Scott Keith one vote and Lucy Edwards one vote. Tod will officially be seated for a four year term.

Steve reported that training is formally over for the year. The Engineers (about 10 people) will continue to train on a bi-monthly basis.

The upper and lower water holes have been cleaned by the county and are now safe for the water tender to draw from without getting mud in the hose lines. Steve called the county and thanked them for their prompt response in attending to this issue.

Steve mentioned the deer problem as not being directly related to the fire district but of concern to the community. He shared an email from Lisa which she received from Steve Niemela, the Assistant District Wildlife Biologist. Basically deer are succumbing to the Adenovirus Hemorrhagic disease. There is no cure for the disease but steps to take to curtail exposure include NOT feeding deer, removing salt licks in areas where deer congregate (in other words in open, not fenced fields where deer can enter), report sickly or dead deer to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Finally if a person finds a dead deer, bury it to avoid other deer coming into contact with it and contact ODFW.

GRANTS

Tod and Cheri reported that they just received a possible grant application for several grants but the turn around time is less than a week. Typically unreasonable for any organization to turn around a grant application in this time frame, but it is typically the time frame given. Tod knows the woman at the granting agency and will call her to see if they are even funding them and what the likelihood of our being successful in applying might be. The Board and Chief agreed that the basic structural PPE grant would be helpful and updated fire shelters for wildland fire would be good as well. There are some unclear aspects in the proposal, which Tod will clarify in her discussion with the grantor.

RAILROAD

Tod has heard nothing and asked Steve if he had. Steve did receive a call from the person in Siskiyou County but not from the person in Oregon. He informed the representative that the ties need to be removed starting at Tunnel 13 to the Oregon California border. We have been moved to the top of the list but they have not given a date by which they hope to have this completed. The problem seems to be the disposition of the ties once they are removed due to the toxic nature of the ties after use.

Steve will call Tod if he does not hear from them within two weeks since we are now in fire season and the danger of having these not removed increases.

COMMUNITY MEETING

Peggy asked the Board if we should have a community b b que/meeting in the fall. Everyone agreed it would be a good opportunity to have an informal dialog with the community and we could do as we did a few years ago, provide hot dogs, veggie burgers, burgers, chips, soft drinks, etc. We could have the medical rigs that Terry Lehman has fixed by installing shelving and to have the new engine there as well. The Board agreed to host it on September 13th, a Sunday from 12-3 or 4 at the Hilt Church. Tod might be working out of the area that month but if she were here, she'd be happy to MC the event. The Board gratefully accepted her offer.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on July 10th at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Brafford/Davies) to adjourn at 6:40 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:50 pm the Board moved into executive session to discuss personnel issues related to the Board. No action will be taken and no minutes/notes or recordings will be allowed. Only elected Board members and the Fire Chief were in attendance.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore