

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 13, 2010**

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Tod Davies, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris.

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm. The Board enthusiastically welcomed Cheri back.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Davies) to approve the July minutes as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri reported that we have \$8,097 in the general fund and \$30,371 in the state treasurer's account. Teri also reported that the taxes are being filed BEFORE the deadline.

In addition, we will be getting an unexpected rebate on gear we purchased in the amount of \$2,642.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that since the last meeting CRFD has responded to four vegetation fires out of District.

Steve has finally reached an agreement with the Forest Service on his volunteer relationship with them. The intent is to avoid arguments or discussion about "whose fire it is". This agreement is an annual contract which will be renewed and possible amended annually.

44-10 is repaired and now in service.

Steve, in working with 9-1-1 emergency, has changed the pager test to Monday night rather than Thursday. In addition, the page will now be for Hilt/Colestin.

Steve was able to negotiate a \$50.00 a day rental fee for Brush 44 with Cal Fire. Last year, we received nothing when Brush 44 was lent to Cal Fire.

The water tender and Alissa and David Lipking went on the Dutch Creek Fire. We received \$737 from Cal Fire and the Forest Service will be billed for 17 hours as well. Steve reminded the Board that when our volunteers go out on a non District fire, they are paid the going rate for their work.

Steve reported that Engineer Training is going better than in the past but some folks are not going out. He will be relieving those not participating in the training from their Engineer Status. Safety and insurance regulations dictate that engineers must participate in training in order to be legal on a fire.

KIOSKS

Peggy reported that Betsy has contacted several people at the Forest Service and not received any calls back. She has asked Steve Meads to provide a bid on a kiosk. Teri and Tod mentioned that both Alex and Phillip are interested in bidding on the job as well. Betsy will contact them.

GRANTS

Tod reported that between 75 and 90,000 is “in the bank” for fuel reduction projects on the upper road. The money can be run through the Forest Service, which eliminates CRFD’s concern about placing us in another bracket for insurance purposes.

Tod reported that a contractor with special equipment can do about 80% of the fuel reduction project which could begin after fire season ends.

She asked the Board to remind people that grants are available for fuel reduction if people can’t afford the match or for elderly people.

Finally, Tod informed the Board that there is money for bio-mass projects. For example, hauling away brush for recycling. Large bins could be placed around the valley and people could consolidate their brush which would then be hauled away.

COMMUNITY PICNIC

Cindy asked that the Board pick the date for the picnic. It will be Sunday, September 19th from 2 -4 pm at the Hilt Church. Cindy will pick up the food and supplies at Costco. She would appreciate getting any information on quantity from last year. There will be one bbq for veggie burgers and a two handling hot dogs and hamburgers. We will ask Sharron if she’ll make her famous salsa and we’ll have chips, water, soda and two cakes. Betsy will send cards to the community inviting them to the picnic next week.

MAILING LIST

Betsy requested that she be allowed to get an updated mailing list from the county. We haven’t had one in two years. The Board approved the request.

It was M/S/P (Avgeris/Warzyn) to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore