

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 12, 2010**

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Tod Davies, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris, Betsy Bradshaw, Sharron Halvorson, Lisa Buttrey.

ABSENT: None

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

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that we have \$31,392.10 in the state treasurer's account and \$4,391.32 in the general fund. Cheri reported that the mileage has increased to 2.003%. The state report indicates that the total value of property in our district is 18,452,183.

Cheri provided the Board with the profit/loss budget to actual. She also reported that we received a \$3,000 donation for AED's.

We will be receiving between \$10,500 and 11,000 from the grant Tod applied for.

BUDGET

The Board and members of the budget committee began the preliminary discussion about the 2010-11 budget. Peggy sent the committee the minutes of the January meeting, which outlined the Board and the Chief's "wish lists" in terms of equipment needs. Steve reminded the group that he prioritized items that dealt with safety first. Tod informed the Board that her conversations with the funder we received the grant from this year is certain that we should receive a similar amount for this coming year, assuming the federal government funds the state. The guidelines should be out within a month.

Sharron asked the Board and the Chief if we had any other requests that the committee should keep in mind when proposing a tentative budget. We reviewed the current budget, year to date, with an eye to categories that were either over or under budget.

The budget committee will provide the Board with a preliminary budget at the March meeting. After discussion of the proposed budget, the committee will make appropriate revisions and present a tentative budget in April which will be sun shined to the community for 30 days. At the May meeting we will approve the tentative budget, which will be submitted to the state by the June deadline.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that CRFD received no calls since the January meeting. He announced that the first responder course, which was to have started tomorrow, February 13th was postponed a week and will begin on February 20th. It is six weeks in length and will end March 27th.

The delay in the first responder course has postponed training since all of the first responders are also taking the fire training and are unwilling to give up two days a week for these activities. Cal Fire will be very helpful in the training efforts this season which will allow Steve, hopefully, to conduct engineer training. There are currently 9 engineers and he wants to strengthen the training efforts for them.

Steve reported that he is close to naming an Assistant Chief to replace Andy for Hilt but has not yet found the right person for Colestin. The Board had a lengthy discussion about the need for an assistant for Colestin and that although it is ideal to appoint a person who will be a long-term assistant that may not be possible. The Board suggested that the Chief name an assistant, even if that person may not be like Andy and commit for a long time.

Steve informed the Board that he received another invitation, this time from the head of the Rogue River National Forest to participate in a simulation for "the big one" which the forest service believes will occur in the near future. Given fuel loads, the lack of a serious forest management plan because of public sentiment surrounding cutting and the urban interface, they expect a fire in this area to burn 10,000 acres. The training will simulate a situation and will be held April 7th and 8th. The Board encouraged Steve to attend. It is an indication that Steve is held in high regard by agencies. He has over two decades of experience in wild land fire fighting in this area and he will benefit from this training and they will benefit from his involvement. He will report back to the Board on the experience.

Steve received word from the Siskiyou County Fire Warden that Colestin and Hilt will receive no revenue for Brush 44 this past year and probably not in 2010-11 either. Siskiyou County does not have the money to pay rental and since it is an engine leased to Hilt/CRFD they can elect to provide revenue for its use or not.

Steve reported that Cal Fire has asked for a commitment to be able to use our water tender out of district. By law, two of our fire fighters must accompany the engine. So the rental agreement includes compensation for the engine and the personnel.

The Board discussed concerns about renting or not renting the water tender. They include that all aspects of the rental arrangement are legal and don't incur additional insurance or personnel costs to CRFD. The Board is also concerned that fire fighters who go out on out of district fires via a water tender are compensated for their time. The final concerns are that if the water tender is needed for an in district fire, it can be sent back and that the water tender should be able to generate revenue for the district so that

necessary equipment and repairs can occur which are not covered by the tax base of under \$40,000 a year.

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Davies) to continue our past practice with respect to the water tender for out of District service through Cal Fire for 2010-11.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Several Board members had conflicts with a couple of the regular meeting dates. The March meeting will be moved to the first Friday of the month and the May meeting will be moved to the first Friday of the month. So the following are the meeting dates for the next three months:

March 5th
April 9th (regular date)
May 7th

They're being no further business; it was M/S/P (Thomas/Davies) to adjourn at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore