

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 9, 2010**

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

ABSENT: Cheri Avgeris (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm at the Hilt Church.

MINUTES

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

TREASURERS REPORT

Teri reported that in Cheri's absence, she and Sharron Halvorson will take over the bookkeeping duties, paying bills and implementing a tighter "due diligence" process. Steve will investigate whether a budget committee member may, under Oregon law, also be a signer on checks. If so, Sharron will be added to the account as an authorized signer as will Peggy.

The Board agreed we need to have more cross training in positions.

CHIEF'S REPORT

We received two calls, one traffic and one fireworks from Hornbrook since the last meeting.

Steve has received some requests that the District pay all or part for boots for fire fighters. The Board discussed this and Cindy pointed out the critical need for firefighters to have comfortable, working boots. Teri reported that she has done an update on the roster and we have 31 people, including four junior fire fighters. Cindy calculated that if we used a \$150 figure the cost to outfit everyone would be \$4,650. Teri suggested that we not include junior fire fighters but Steve pointed out that if they are over 16 they can be on the line and should have decent boots. It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Davies) to provide up to \$150.00 for all active volunteers who are at least 16 years old. They are to provide a receipt if available, as we can charge these to one of the grants Tod gets for CRFD. Tod and Teri pointed out that some volunteers will not take the money. Tod asked if they could then take that as a tax deduction. Teri said the cleanest way is for them to take the money and, if they wish, donate it back to the District.

Steve had a call from Bernie Paul from Cal Fire who reported that Siskiyou County is broke and they have no money to fund the Amador program, which means that the Hornbrook station will not be open during the winter through this funding source.

Bernie is meeting with Steve about Cal Fire, with the support of local fire chiefs, writing a grant, which would allow the funding to keep the substation open year round and would not involve county funding.

Fire season officially began in Oregon on July 1st. Steve reported there is a lot of illegal burning, in barrels mostly, and he will be doing rides around [the district] to attempt to identify violators.

Steve put a stronger radio in Assistant Chief Lipking's truck, paid for by Hilt, so that he can pick up calls, which his current personal radio cannot receive.

Steve reported that the water tender is in service but has leaks, which need to be fixed ASAP. Chuck, who is an expert plumber, will look it over tomorrow to see if he can fix it. Teri asked the cost. Steve said the parts would probably be \$100- 200 but the labor is extensive and it might cost up to \$600. Chuck would need to be compensated for his time in doing the job. Teri reminded the Board that she is advising that everyone who works for CRFD as an independent contractor receive a 1099 form for tax purposes. Steve agreed.

Both the Klamath National Forest and the Rogue National Forest have been after Steve to work with them in a command role on national forest service land, should a fire occur. Steve is considering it and contracts have been drawn up and are being revised. In doing so, Colestin would benefit since the federal forest people would then respond to fire in the valley on private land, including the use of air tankers, dozers, etc. This would be a huge benefit to us in the event of a moderate to large fire. Further details will be available in the future.

COLESTIN VALLEY WEB SITE

Peggy brought up the Colestin Valley website and its comments about providing fire information on the site. Tod will talk to the site owner asking that the site provide a link to the CRFD official website which is up to date and authorized to provide information about the fire district.

PICNIC

Peggy brought up the idea of a picnic again this fall since the one last year was so successful. Cindy offered to coordinate the effort. The Board thought mid to late September would be a good time.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Peggy mentioned that she had a [schedule] conflict with the regular meeting date in September and the Board agreed to have the meeting on the first Friday in September, even though it is the beginning of the Labor Day weekend.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Friday, August 13th at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Davies) to adjourn the [present] meeting at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore