

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 11, 2010**

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Tod Davies, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris, Sharron Halvorson, Betsy Bradshaw, David Lipking, Chuck Biegert, Alissa Lipking.

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm at the Hilt Church.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that that state fund has \$34,896.25 and the checking account has \$5,286.75. She mentioned that the Worker's Comp fees were paid this month.

BUDGET

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Davies) to approve the preliminary budget adopted by the Board in April as is. Sharron will hand deliver the budget to the county on Monday since there seem to be problems getting information delivered between departments.

The Board thanked Sharron for her leadership on the Budget committee and Lisa Buttrey and Karen Dwyer for their work in putting this document together.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve told the Board that he is willing to give up equipment, if needed, to secure the necessary medical equipment. At the moment, we are waiting to hear on the grant.

Steve reported that he received a call from 2 Dog Fabrication whom he had initially contacted to build the hose bed. After repeated calls to the company, he has not heard anything and had decided to put the project on hold (because of fire season). Apparently the company is interested in doing the project as originally bid and Steve has some concerns.

Cindy asked what his concerns were. Primarily, its whether he will move forward in an expedient manner to complete the project (once we are out of fire season). Since Steve's information is that he is the best in the area, Cindy suggested he get a written contract with timelines and cost and move ahead. Steve did mention that he changed the original

design a little so that might alter the price. Chuck has had experience with fabrication and offered to work with the company if Steve would like. Steve thanked Chuck and they will get together to communicate issues and Chuck will contact the company.

Steve reported that the Engineer training is going very well and he is pleased with the drive alongs.

There was one incident since the last meeting: a false alarm.

Steve reported that although we are not in fire season yet, it is predicted that it will be hot but short. The grasses are very high due to the late rains.

Steve informed the Board that he has learned from Cal Fire that the Siskiyou County Administrator is proposing to the Board of Supervisors that they close the Hornbrook station this coming winter. Since this is a budget issue for the county, the decision will be made prior to the adoption of their budget within the next month.

Steve told the Board that we have written agreements with Cal Fire and that even if the substation is closed, CRFD and Hilt are responsible for Interstate 5 and during the winter this is an impossible proposition for a volunteer department without backup from the Hornbrook station. The response time from Yreka is not acceptable in an emergency situation. In addition, if the station were to close, we would not be able to comply with the OSHA two in, two out rule.

Steve will testify on Tuesday before the Board of Supervisors and will be contacting Fruit Growers as well. Peggy will write a letter to the Board, outlining the concerns we have with this proposal. A letter will also be coming from Hilt to the Supervisors.

Steve reported that the pager problem that has been going on for four years shows no signs of being fixed. The unreliability of the Thursday night "test" of the pagers from emergency services does not happen as it should and volunteers call Steve to find out whether or not the test has been done. Steve will move this concern up the chain of command.

Finally, Steve reported that the S-190 course is almost done and will conclude either tonight or next week. Outdoor training still needs to occur so training will continue for a few more weeks. Hopefully, it will be done by July 1st.

GRANTS

Steve asked Tod if she received any information about the grant and she has not. Steve did receive a call from Cascade Fire that we had received the grant but we have not received the official letter. We also don't know if we received the full amount of the request. The Board thanked Tod, again, for all her efforts. It is only through grants like this that we are able to outfit the volunteers and purchase critical equipment.

Peggy stated that we need to move discussion of the Kiosk and the community picnic to the July meeting since training is due to start.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at the regular time (6 pm) at the Hilt Church on July 9th.

It was M/S/P (Avgeris/Davies) to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore