

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 5, 2010**

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

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 at the Hilt Church.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that the state treasurer's account has \$31,394.99 and the checking account has \$15,080.68. We received \$10,021 from the grant. Continued thanks to Tod for her year long work with the funding agency.

There are no significant bills in the near future.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Sharron and Lisa presented the Board with a draft of the preliminary budget. They pointed out that the top three items on the Chief's wish list are proposed (super saver lights; turn out coats flash lights and head lamps). The Chief and the Board prioritized safety equipment first.

Tod mentioned that the same grant we received this past year for a 50/50 match for equipment will probably be available again. We can apply for up to \$30,000 in funds, \$15,000 of which would need to be matched by CRFD. Some of the other items the Chief has prioritized can be funded through this grant, assuming we receive it.

Teri suggested that we take any lines out of the budget that have no money associated with them. For example, there is currently no budget in the liabilities category. The budget committee will make those adjustments. The committee recommended that postage associated with media expenses be put in that category rather than general office. The Board suggested some minor adjustments to dues and memberships, adding a category for fire lookout costs (Soda Mountain) and some additional money for office supplies be made. With those suggestions, the budget looks good.

Lisa mentioned that if external money is available through the grant, we might consider purchasing a second water tender so that when the current one is leased out to Cal Fire, the District would have one in the District. Steve will check with Jim Sweet to see if Cal

Fire would use a second tender if one were available. It would need to be 4-wheel drive. The cost of a water tender is about \$50,000. Steve mentioned the biggest concern was to find housing for the vehicle before moving forward in the future.

Peggy pointed out that we moved our May meeting earlier which would not allow us to sunshine the preliminary budget for the 30 days required by law if we waited until the regularly scheduled April meeting to adopt the preliminary budget.

She suggested that with the changes discussed, the Board could approve the tentative budget tonight and ask the Budget Committee to sunshine it at least 30 days prior to the May meeting when we can adopt the final budget.

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Davies) to approve the tentative budget as reviewed and amended by the Board for posting to the community at least 30 days prior to the scheduled May Board meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we have had no incidents up to the date the report was developed for the Board. He is working on finding a qualified Assistant Chief for Colestin and has almost finalized one for Hilt.

GRANTS

Tod reviewed the Chief's wish list with the Board to clarify the items in order to see what can be included in the grant proposal for this coming year. They have not published the guidelines yet but Tod has been in touch with the funder and we will be a strong candidate for funding again this year. Peggy mentioned that we should consider going into reserves this year to meet the maximum amount we can propose since there is no guarantee that funding would be available in subsequent years. The Board agreed that the reserves are very healthy and could be tapped for this purpose.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at the regular time and date, April 9th at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore