

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 7, 2010**

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris, Alissa Lipking, David Lipking, Chuck Biegert.

ABSENT: Tod Davies (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm at the Hilt Church.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that the checking account has \$9,504.10 and the State Treasurer's fund has \$33,175.31. Teri pointed out that we are earning 7% interest on the money in the State fund.

Teri suggested that for 2011-12 we hone in on expenditures coming out of reserves. She suggested keeping them separate for purposes of clarity locally, although for state filing they will need to be placed in the appropriate budget category. Having them called out individually will give the Board a clearer overall picture of one time or non-routine expenses.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we had one incident since the last meeting. A big rig, hauling oranges was a fully involved fire. Assistant Chief Lipking responded and commented that he didn't realize oranges behaved as they do in a fire.

Steve reported that there has been no movement on the hose bed. He was unable to get a firm bid from the company he has been working with thus, the project will need to be put on hold for this fire season. He will continue to work on finding a way to get it build.

We have 13 new volunteers this year (some have served in the distant past and are joining up again). Steve has found some older radios, which can be given to volunteers, saving us money at this time. Alissa found an incredible sale at Cascade fire. We can purchase an entire set of clothing, including the new fire shelters for \$800 per volunteer, which is about half the normal cost. Hilt has agreed to purchase three sets for the three new firefighters from Hilt. Steve asked that Colestin consider doing the same.

Peggy asked the cost to fully equip all new volunteers and Steve estimates that with existing gear, the outside cost would be \$3,200.

Teri recommended we take the money out of protective clothing. Steve is concerned that he is over budget in some categories but the Board assured him that what matters is the "bottom line," that is, expenditures to revenue rather than simply the individual category. A new influx of interested volunteers cannot be predicted and they need appropriate clothing to be able to respond to fires.

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Thomas) to spend up to \$3,200 to outfit all active fire fighters. Teri asked that the money be expensed this fiscal year, that is, by June 30th.

Steve brought up the issue of Engineer Training and the necessity to evaluate them by using the state approved form. Teri has served as the coordinator for the Engineer training schedule for the past two years and thus far, this year, has not received any calls to request individual training for evaluation purposes.

Steve spoke of the need to protect all parties – the District, the community and the individual volunteer engineer by enforcing current evaluation requirements. After a lengthy discussion by the Board and Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs, it was M/S/P (Warzyn/Avgeris) to require, for the safety of all, that all engineers complete the training and evaluation prior to putting a vehicle in service. The evaluation needs to be signed by one of the Chiefs and placed in the engineer's file. If this is not followed, the individual taking a vehicle out will be deemed unauthorized and any damage done or accident caused will be the sole responsibility of the individual and the act will be handled as a police matter. This will be implemented on January 1st, 2011.

Teri will pass around a sign up sheet for each Engineer, which will have a date and time for the driving test. The intent is to have everyone signed off by early summer and definitely prior to driving a vehicle in response to an emergency.

Steve reported that he would be out of the District from May 15th through the 18th. Chuck will not be available on May 18th, as he will be attending a Chief's meeting in Steve's place. David will be acting chief on that day. During the rest of the time Steve is out of the area, David and Chuck will be in charge. Steve did request to be called if there is an incident.

NEXT MEETING

We will return to our regular meeting schedule in June. The meeting will, however, be held ½ hour earlier to allow the training to be held after the Board meeting. The meeting will be Friday, June 11th at 5:30 at the Hilt Church. At this meeting the final budget will be adopted.

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Avgeris) to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore