

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES
April 14, 2011**

PRESENT: Nancy Ames, Tod Davies, Peggy Moore, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris, Chuck Biegert, David Lipking, Keith Callison (Cal Fire), Betsy Bradshaw

ABSENT: Teri Thomas (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri sent out the Treasurer's report. The state treasury has \$49,425.60, the Checking account has \$9,692.24 and our outstanding bills are \$742.88 plus insurance. Teri moved \$17,000 to the state treasury account, which receives higher interest.

The Board had no questions on the financials.

BOARD TERMS

Peggy asked Steve to confirm the terms of current board members. These should be posted next to the names of the Board members on the website.

Cheri Avgeris' term (2013)
Tod Davies term (2011)
Peggy Moore's term (2013)
Teri Thomas's term (2011)
Cindy Warzyn's term (2011)

Tod, Teri and Cindy have filed for the May 2011 election. All terms are four years in length

REPLACEMENT FOR CHERI AVGERIS

The Board adopted a policy that appointed replacement positions for a Board member who resigns shall be three months in length so that the individual can see if she/he wishes to serve. Nancy Ames graciously agreed to serve for three months until we could find someone who is able to serve the entire two years of Cheri's term. Pam Haunschuld, who lives on the Ski Road, has expressed interest in serving. Peggy spoke with Pam and Pam will attend the May meeting, serve a three month term and see if she is willing to serve the remainder of Cheri's term which is up in May of 2013.

The Board thanked Nancy for being willing to serve on short notice and help us through the budget cycle.

REPORT ON MEDICAL INFORMATION AT THE COMMUNITY PICNIC

Karen Dwyer, first responder, RN, firefighter has offered to provide community information and do some routine tests like taking blood pressure, etc. at the community picnic to heighten awareness about good health.

Peggy checked with Special Districts, our insurance carrier, to be sure there would be no liability to the District for this service. As long as medical advice is not dispensed, or diagnosis provided, we are fine. We can have signs providing information as to normal ranges of particular things like blood pressure and people can be aware of that.

Peggy will inform Karen what she learned from Special Districts and hope she is willing to provide this valuable service to the community. This year the picnic is slated for June.

MEDICAL TRAINING

There will be a one day training for first responders and EMTs in Redding in May. The cost is \$50.00 per person. This opportunity came up between board meetings with very little notice. Several of the first responders signed up. Peggy asked the Board whether we would be willing to cover the fees and provide gas money and a little for vehicle "wear and tear" to those attending.

It was MS/P (Davies/Ames) to reimburse attendees for fees and gas, provided people car pool.

GRANTS

Tod reported that she is waiting to hear about the VFA grant and will report in when she has more information.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we had four calls since the last meeting. One traffic collision, two structure calls (which were cancelled on route) and one vehicle.

The Forest Service contracts with the Klamath National for 2011 have been signed by Steve and are waiting for signatures from KNFS.

The ISO audit has been completed. Steve reported that he spent over four and a half hours with the ISO inspector and it will be 5 to 6 months until we get the report back. Steve is not optimistic about our receiving a Class 8 B because of the training aspect. The good news is that other aspects went well. They will accept some wild land training for the required 24 hours, which is also good news.

The record keeping needs to improve. They are looking for response time and to be sure that at least six fire fighters respond to each structure incident.

44-13 failed as an engine because it doesn't have the plaque stating that it is a fire rated pump. It is, but the company needs to provide us with that plaque. Steve is working to correct this. The other area of concern is that a responding engine needs at least 800 feet of 2 ½ inch hose as a minimum.

Steve reported that he has spoken to a couple of other volunteer/paid districts and at least one that has partial pay and some fully paid staff will be losing their Class 9 rating. We will be fine with Class 9 but need to find ways to move into a Class 8 B for the future.

Steve and Keith Callison from Cal Fire have been exploring ways to see if merging Colestin and Hilt might solve some of the issues. After a lengthy discussion it was M/S/P (Ames/Warzyn) to authorize Steve to work with Cal Fire and the Hilt Board to see what we can do to propose merging the two departments.

The CRFD Board is the only necessary legal entity required to authorize that to happen for Colestin. The Hilt Board would need to approve it as would the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors. This could solve a number of issues, save money; provide more help and other things. It would, however, be a first in the nation.

KIOSK PROJECT

Betsy outlined several ideas, locations, and diagrams for possible signage and a kiosk for the Board. The Board reviewed the location pictures and the possible boards and kiosk.

Alex Cox and Phillip Thomas provided a bid of \$1,000 to build one Kiosk, labor and materials.

Steve said he was very much in favor of this project. We have the money and if it prevented one fire it would be worth thousands of dollars.

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Ames) to authorize the expenditure of \$600- 800 to put a locked, enclosed bulletin board at the Ski Road mailbox area. Chuck offered to install it and Betsy will have the board shipped to Chuck's address.

It was M/S/P (Davies/Warzyn) to authorize Betsy to sign [an application] on behalf of the Board as the contact person for the County which is required to put up the Kiosk at the beginning of Mt. Ashland Ski Road.

The Board thanked Betsy for all the work she has done on the project thus far and Alex and Phil for providing a bid for building the Kiosk which will be \$1,000 plus \$600 for the locked bulletin board. Chuck offered to donate the wood from his mill.

There being no further business it was M/S/P (Ames/Warzyn) to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy A. Moore