

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
December 9, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris, Bernie Paul (CAL Fire), Keith Callison (CAL Fire), David Lipking.

**ABSENT:** Pam Haunschild, Alissa Lipking.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm at the Hilt Church.

**MINUTES**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Teri handed out the financial reports. We have \$5,775 in our checking account and \$51,788 in the State Treasury fund. Teri reported that we have received most of our anticipated tax revenue. We have only one bill outstanding, Colburn Oil for \$150.00.

Cindy discussed the grant that ends this month. We are on track to submit all the required paperwork and invoices on time. 44-13 ( the truck getting the new hose bed) has been out of the Valley for one week. We paid half down and Steve believes he will finish the job within in week so that project will be complete and can be billed out. Cindy reported that we purchased the generator and will now need to get the switch. Chief Bernie Paul offered us a switch for the generator which would save us a couple of thousand dollars. They had been purchased for locations needing backup generators. Cindy believes they meet the specifications she is looking at. Keith will get the switch to Steve. Much appreciation to Bernie and Cal Fire.

**GRANTS**

To continue on the grant front. Cindy spoke with Pam and she has agreed to take over the grant duties if the Board wishes. The Board was delighted and thanked Pam. Cindy will finish out this current grant but we look forward to Pam's expertise in financial matters to help us with our grants.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Peggy emailed the budget committee and all three (Sharron Halvorson, Lisa Buttrey and Karen Dwyer) have agreed to serve. One or all of them will attend the February meeting when we begin the process. Peggy asked Steve to have his wish list ready for that meeting.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve reported there were two incidents since the last meeting. Once was a small vegetation fire on I-5 and the water tender responded. The other was a false alarm.

Steve spoke with Fruit Growers about their usual contribution and they will be sending it before the end of the year.

The Hilt engine has new snow tires.

Steve reported that Darin Dow will provide the 20 hours of structure training starting in January. Steve is going to check with the fire fighters to see if they are willing to go every Friday night for 2 hours (a total of 10 trainings) rather than every other week to finish up the structure training. 4 hours of wild land count toward the mandatory 24 hours for structure.

### **MONUMENT**

Peggy had a meeting with Nancy Ames about the Monument. Nancy will be gathering some information and speaking with Howard about putting together a presentation for our Board. We would invite Bernie Paul and Keith Callison from Cal Fire and Greg Alexander from ODF. Bernie mentioned that before April, when they do any plan revisions, it would be key to have the meeting so that where possible our points can be included in the plan document.

Peggy will be re-contacting Nancy right after the first of the year with the hope of having the meeting in late January or early February.

### **HILT/COLESTIN MERGER**

Bernie provided the Board with an update on the possible merger. Currently there is a Siskiyou County Board (CSA 4) which is more advisory in nature and they meet quarterly. Volunteer districts Hammond Ranch, Mt. Shasta Vista, Pleasant Valley and McCloud are currently involved in this group. The hose companies (Hilt, Klamath River, Salmon River, Seiad) are considering joining. The benefits of doing so are that there will be more buying power for the smaller districts by pooling their numbers. Each Volunteer District or Hose Company has their own money that shows as a line item in the CSA 4 budget. So if they have a bill that needs to be paid, they forward it to CSA 4 and it is paid out of the individual district or company's money.

This would allow for the smaller organizations to function with one Board rather than 8 small boards. Bernie will get us a copy of the resolution we would need to submit if we are interested. This would go to Bernie as Siskiyou County Fire Warden and given the various states of the insurance policies of these small districts, it would begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>. the start of the fiscal year.

Steve will have a meeting with Fruit Growers to run this idea by them before we move forward. Bernie and Keith fielded a number of questions that the Board had about the proposal. It appears that it would reduce the workload on Hilt by not having an individual board; it would provide financial opportunities to benefit from larger purchases thus realizing savings. It would provide stronger links for the smaller districts.

The Board will review the resolution at the January meeting and Steve will have a report back from Fruit Growers as well.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Warzyn) to adjourn the meeting at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore