

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 15, 2011**

PRESENT: Tod Davies, Pam Haunschild, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris, Chuck Biegert, Chief Keith Callison.

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Davies) to approve the minutes as corrected and submitted. Peggy noted that on the previous date for the Community Picnic, on Sept 11, she will be out of town. The Board agreed to move the meeting to Saturday, September 24th.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri reviewed the balance sheet as of July 15th as well as the profit and loss budget vs actual sheet. We are ending the fiscal year in good shape. Our total expenses were \$652 over budget but our revenue income is \$1,777 over budget.

Teri mentioned that she sent out checks to the firefighters for responses to calls, as the Board approved. While certainly not anywhere close to the value of the services, the Board hopes the stipend does reflect the appreciation of the Board and the Community for the volunteer efforts of our firefighting crew.

Chuck mentioned that he found a place that has good quality fire boots at a reasonable price. He will continue to research that. Teri will also check the grant to see if boots can be included in the equipment category.

Karen Dwyer's fundraising benefit for the defibulator raised \$800 for the dinner and entertainment and additional money (the amount not yet calculated) for the raffle.

Peggy will send Karen a thank you letter on behalf of the Board.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we received four calls since the last meeting. One traffic collision which resulted in a fatality, one false alarm and two vegetation fires.

Steve mentioned that this is the second traffic fatality where the individual was NOT wearing a seat belt. It seems that people often remove the seat belt once they get onto Colestin Road. The accidents that have resulted in deaths were because the individual was thrown from the car and the car rolled over them.

Steve suggested that after fire season we might invite appropriate people to the Board meeting to suggest ways to communicate the seriousness of seat belts to the community. Peggy suggested

that we consider inviting one or two people to the community picnic since it's the community more than the Board that needs the information. Steve will provide us with some possible individuals to invite and Tod suggested it may be a way to remember Rick as well.

Steve reported that Stateline will be closing as a restaurant and gas station August 1st. Cindy remarked that it will mean there is no gasoline available between Hornbrook and Ashland which, during bad weather, might be a problem. Chuck suggested that CRFD should probably consider using the Union 76 station at the middle Ashland exit for fueling trucks. Steve suggested we might want to look at buying a gasoline tank as they are fairly inexpensive, for emergencies.

Steve reported on the September 7th meeting, hosted by CRFD and attended by the various local fire agencies. He said, and Keith Callison concurred, that it was a good meeting and a lot of communication occurred. They settled on one channel that everyone can communicate on, which will be a huge improvement.

The ranking personnel from both District 5 and Ashland are on board with a number of issues that have been difficult in the past. They have agreed to have a training which will mirror an actual incident to establish IC responsibilities and general "working together."

Steve reported that Tom Bagwell from Yreka did another round of narrow banding. The old Bendix Kings are not able to be narrow banded but can be used on the local frequencies. The old Motorola's are also unable to be narrow banded. All the GPH's are fine. All the engine radios except those in 12 have been re-programmed. The radios will continue to be an ongoing issue and expense.

Steve read a letter from Duracell which accompanied a box of batteries that they donated to CRFD. Apparently they have a national program which involves donating batteries to volunteer fire departments. Pam will research an address for the business since none appeared on the letter. Peggy will then write a thank you letter from the Board.

Steve asked that Peggy write a thank you letter to Jackson County Public Works (Jeff Pruitt) for the dust abatement project that they completed on Colestin Road.

HILT/COLESTIN MERGER

Chief Bernie Paul received our letter but it did not make it to the agenda of the July Supervisor's meeting. It will be on the agenda for the August 2nd meeting and Steve will be present to answer questions and respond to any concerns from the Supervisors. We are hopeful that resolution can occur at that meeting.

COMMUNITY PICNIC

Cindy reported that all is in hand for the picnic. She compiled a list from last year's picnic in terms of supplies, food, etc. Part of the intent of this year's picnic is to honor Cheri Avgeris for her more than 28 years of service to CRFD and Hilt. Cindy will confirm with Cheri that she can

attend. We will get the word out through Chief Callison for Cal Fire and Greg Alexander for the Oregon side.

Peggy will ask Betsy to include a reminder card to the community about the picnic August 24th, so people have a month's notice. Betsy will add it to the website now as a "save the date."

Cindy sent the Board information of the t-shirts in terms of both cost and quantity. She will check with Stateline to see if they will continue to sell them. If they will, Cindy will order 48 shirts.

The Board discussed the possibility of giving each of the firefighters a shirt. Steve mentioned that he would like to do that. Peggy suggested we present them with a tee shirt at the picnic which will then allow the community to actually see the people who are providing volunteer coverage for the Valley. The Board agreed to do this.

KISOKS

We have not heard back from the Kisok people that Betsy contacted. The kiosk was supposed to be ready by mid June. Peggy will ask Betsy to call the company and find out the status.

Steve reported that Brian Dwyer provided the wooden frames for the fire signs throughout the Valley. The Board commented how nice and professional they look. Peggy will send Brian a thank you letter on behalf of the Board.

GRANTS

Tod has officially turned the grant materials over to Cindy and Cindy will contact Mary Helen about the possibility of this year's grant.

NEXT MEETING

Due to schedules, the next meeting will be Friday, August 19th at the Hilt Church at 6 pm

It was M/S/P (Davies/Thomas) to adjourn at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore