

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
November 9, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Pam Haunschild, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris, Peg Stewart, Tim Stewart, Keith Callison.

**ABSENT:** Alissa Lipking.

Steve introduced Peg and Tim Stewart. Peg served on the Board for about 20 years and Tim as Assistant Fire Chief for 27 years.

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 minutes as distributed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Teri reported that we have \$37,938.76 in the State Treasurers account and \$2,413.10 in the regular checking account. Our cash on hand is a bit lower than usual as we are waiting on payment for the grant and we have spent the money to qualify for the grant which must be done prior to final submission for payment. In addition, we are in the last month before we begin to receive tax revenues from the County.

**FIRE STATION ON THE SKI ROAD**

The Board thanked Peg and Tim for coming tonight and for considering leasing or donating part of their property to the Fire District for a station on the Ski Road. Prior to the meeting tonight, Steve, Tim and Peg met on the property to discuss the possible location of the structure. Tim informed the Board that there is a 75- 120 foot right of way for the Ski Road on the property. He further informed the Board that the Ski Road has never been surveyed. For eventual building on the property we will have to get the county involved for the right of way and other "pre building" needs.

Tim discussed the fact that the proposed location is right at the curve in the road and we will probably need to provide some safety measures common to fire house locations such as a blinking light or some other indicator to traffic that a vehicle is coming out. He does not think there will be a problem putting a drive way into the area.

The Stewarts asked that the District provide them with a couple of proposals. The Board asked if they had a preference. They do not, at this time. The possibilities include a 99 year lease with a provision that if the property is not used for fire protection, it reverts back to the land owner or a donation of one acre of land to the District. Pros and cons were briefly discussed.

Other issues such as the distance needed (about 200 yards) to get the power in, the possibility of digging a trench to bury the line which PPL can then use to bring power to the station were brought up. There would have to be a survey.

The Board thanked Tim and Peg for their generosity in offering to provide the land upon which to build the station. Tim said we could count on having it; we're just not sure under which proposal. They asked to be kept informed and said we could provide a proposal prior to working out all the particulars with the County.

Further discussion after the Stewarts left included the next steps to move this along. Pam suggested we work on the particular areas that we need answers to while also contacting people to donate or provide services at cost. Cindy will contact Alex Dystrea who is a land use attorney and works with the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy for information and help. Peggy suggested if he can't actually do the work, perhaps he can recommend someone locally. Steve will contact Fred Franz about possible surveying, Cindy will look up information on the tax lot, Pam will seek out possible grant sources, Teri will look into insurance and liability issues, Cindy will contact PPL and Steve will review the lease we have with his family for the current fire house, as it was done by an attorney..

Teri suggested we be mindful of long term issues when developing the project. Currently Steve is looking at a 30 x 60 building which would give us two bays. Peggy suggested we have two prices – one for a 30 x 30 (one bay) and the other for 30 x 60.

This will continue to be on future agendas and Peggy will stay in contact with Tim and Peg. They should receive the minutes for discussion on the project as well as any other information as it becomes available.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve reported that we had two calls since the last meeting. On traffic and one vegetation fire. Both were handled. Steve has purchased all of the rest of the equipment for the grant and asked that we be billed before the December deadline. Pam would like to have all the information and paperwork so that she can submit them prior to the deadline.

Jim Sweet from Cal Fire called and would like to begin the work on 44-1 before he retires in December. The camp has an excellent painter at the moment. It will cost roughly \$2,000 for materials for the truck to be painted. The labor is donated. It was M/S/P (Thomas/Warzyn) to get the truck painted. Keith will let Jim know.

Teri asked if we can expect any large bills for vehicle repairs/maintenance. Steve said everything is looking good, including the tires.

### **T SHIRTS**

Cindy reported that t shirts and sweat shirts will be ordered soon.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Hilt Church. Pam will bring Holiday Cookies.

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Haunschild) to adjourn at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore