

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 14, 2012**

PRESENT: Pam Haunschild, Alissa Lipking, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris.

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Hilt Church with all Board members in attendance.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri passed out the budget information. We have \$37,557.78 in the State Treasury account and \$4,544.61 in the Checking account. Teri pointed out that the licensing cost for 44-12 should go under vehicle costs. Most of the current expenses are related to getting 44-12 (the engine on the Ski Road) equipped. There is a lot of vehicle maintenance going on and not a lot of other budget activity.

Teri reported that Lisa is up to speed and working on the new accounting system. Bills should still be submitted to Teri for review. Once everyone is comfortable with the new system, we may change the submission point but not at the moment. The goal is to reduce the workload for all concerned.

STATE REPORTS

Teri emailed the state reports to the Board prior to the meeting for review. She asked if there were any questions. There were not. It is standard practice for larger non-profits to have the Board review State reports prior to submission. Teri is pleased that although we are not a large non profit, we are following appropriate accounting protocol and she is pleased to be able to institute this practice. It was M/S/P (Lipking/Warzyn) to approve for submission the state reports with special thanks to Teri for all her work.

SKI ROAD FIRE HOUSE UPDATE

Pam handed out the survey results from the Ski Road residents. She sent out 20 surveys and received nine back. Of the nine, seven were very supportive, one was opposed and one didn't provide a rating number. She shared comments as well. The primary concern was whether taxes would be raised or whether we would apply for grants. Other concerns were about location. People who were supportive did not offer their property.

The Board discussed next steps. Tim Stewart has been away on fires most of the summer. They are interested but have not committed. Steve will continue to try and meet with them. The Board

discussed whether a community forum should be held prior to a commitment of land for building the station. Cindy suggested we present the topic, not have a forum, but simply present the fact that we are considering this at the picnic. It must be clear that we are not planning a tax increase.

The Board asked that Peggy do the presentation. Pam, thankfully, offered to help. We will have 44-12 at the picnic which will provide an easy transition to the subject of a station on the ski road. We will schedule a forum in the near future and hopefully have a potential site prior to that forum.

The Board thanked Pam for initiating the survey, writing it and providing the results.

COMMUNITY PICNIC

Cindy reminded the Board members to bring a large bowl and an ice chest. She reviewed details of supplies needed and mentioned that the signs were up on the Ski Road and down at the mailboxes on Colestin Rd. Karen Dwyer will take blood pressure. The Board will try to arrive at 10:00 to be ready for folks at noon.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that there were three calls since the last meeting. Two vehicle incidents and one medical. One of the vehicle incidents was a fire set to a truck near the Ski Lodge. It was on Forest Service land yet CRFD was the only agency toned out. Steve will investigate why this was the case since it is a departure from practice. District 5 has refused to respond to any Ski Road incidents.

Steve reported that District 5 switched from Jackson County Fire to Ashland for the 911 calls. CRFD has been asked to sign on to that change. Steve wants to find out more information prior to signing. There are potential problems with the relay station used by Ashland for CRFD's area.

The last of the narrow banding is completed and there are some problems, as we expected there would be. Steve will be working with Yreka to solve these.

While we are in extreme fire danger, we are also in critical fire weather, which is beyond extreme. Combinations of little water, humidity and temperatures are creating conditions which mirror those in 1987. Any fire is now very, very critical and evacuation procedures would begin if we had a fire.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular Board meeting will be on Friday, October 12th at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Lipking/Warzyn) to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore