

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 12, 2013**

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

ABSENT: Teri Thomas (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Sharron Halvorson, Michael Englestein, Darin Dow.

The meeting came to order at 6:05 pm at the Hilt Church.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

None

BUDGET

Sharron handed out the proposed preliminary budget with the two suggested changes from the last meeting. The committee moved \$2,000 from protective clothing into the volunteer category.

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Haunschild) that the budget is approved as final unless there are public comments prior to the next Board meeting on May 10th. If not, the budget will be submitted to the state.

SKI ROAD FIRE HOUSE

Cindy spoke with Alex Dykema about the legal issues surrounding the proposed project. He advises that until the four owners sign the agreement, we not proceed with any permits or work from the County. Pam will check with the Stewarts regarding the status of this and let us know. Peggy will contact Sheila Maher to see if she has any interest in having us put the station on her property and what kinds of opportunities that might present. It is flatter than the Stewarts' and has power to it. Snow removal might be an issue.

Peggy remarked that even if we have a piece of property to use, without a stronger volunteer base we might not proceed with adding another facility.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve is not aware of anyone besides the incumbents who have filed for the Board elections in May.

There were two calls since the last meeting. CRDF was cancelled on both and they were both vehicle fires.

Steve and Darin reported that the new Battalion Chief will be Darrell Laws. He formally begins his duties on July 1st. Darrell is very familiar with this area and we are fortunate to have him.

Fifteen people signed up for training. 11 are in the District and four are outside. We lost about 50% of our fire fighters from last year. There was a very brief discussion about this and we will spend more time on it at our May meeting. Peggy would like to find a way to assess why people are not returning.

GRANTS

Pam filed the \$20,000 grant today. Several of the items are already budgeted for the coming year and if we are awarded it, we can “back fill” the money. The largest item, not budgeted, is a used engine for \$15,000.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Friday, May 10th at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Lipking/Warzyn) to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore