

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

June 10, 2014

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

ABSENT: None

MINUTES:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri reported that we have \$3,897.14 in checking and \$48,570.61 in the Treasury account. The purchase price of the CAT is included in the expenses listed. This put us in the "red," about \$10,000. We had agreed to pay from our reserves. We expect to get the majority of that cost back from the grant. In addition, we expect rental income from the dozer.

Teri passed out the financial reports including profit and loss – budget to actual.

Teri informed the Board that we can reimburse up to \$1,800 if someone has a non-disability claim if we sign and submit a form she shared. Doing this allows us to not experience increases in our insurance rates. Pam reviewed it and suggested we sign and return. It does not require us to handle the claim this way but does allow for the option. The Board agreed and Peggy signed the document.

GOVERNANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board reviewed the document that would allow us to get some discount on insurance if we comply. Peggy suggested that the form appears to apply mostly to departments that actually have employees. Teri will modify the document as it pertains to our circumstances and we can review that and vote.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we had two calls since the last meeting. One was a vehicle fire which was cancelled on route and the other was a traffic accident with minor injuries.

The radio problems continue. Steve contacted Cal Fire and they can't work on it since we are a "private entity" that is, not a government agency. There is a person in Eagle Point who will be coming out to look at the radios (all four) and see what he can do.

Cal Fire is very excited about our purchasing the dozer. They want us to sign it on to the Cal Fire roster which will allow us to rent it to them. The Board had a healthy discussion about the pros

and cons of the written agreement we would sign with them, specifically identifying the limitations of where it can go out of District. Cindy was very clear that we need to keep it within the District so that it would function as we intended, to protect the District. Steve mentioned that he has a larger dozer at the house and it would remain in District and close by. It was M/S/P (Lipking/Haunschild) to enter into an agreement with Cal Fire for using the dozer but the boundaries it can be taken is the bottom of Bailey Hill which is within the District. We will re-evaluate this as the season progresses and/or as needed. The agreement will include the return of the trailer to the Fire Station if the dozer is needed for longer than a few hours.

Steve reported that a training session for dozer operators including Cal Fire will be held on June 20th. Steve also will have the engineers go out with engines to keep the training up during this fire season. He will also be out patrolling the District.

GRANT

Steve reported that they approved everything listed in the grant (including the dozer) as eligible for funding. They have not yet approved the grant itself.

PICNIC

Cindy spoke to Brian Dwyer about the possibility of Rory doing some new art work for the shirts. Brian inquired whether Rory could be paid to do this. The Board discussed it. While we want to encourage young people to share their talents, we don't want to start a precedent of paying if we don't absolutely have to. Pam graciously offered to provide some art work if we wanted it at no cost.

Cindy will let the Dwyers know. The Board also thought our current design was fine but if Pam is able to, we'd love to see some new ideas.

KIOSK

Peggy reported that Betsy has contacted Brian Dwyer to see if he could give us a bid on doing the Kiosk for the lower valley. He is willing to do it but is pretty committed over the next couple of months and we need to get it up before we get into serious fire season. Alissa suggested Steve Meads and will ask him. Peggy suggested Jerry Lehman as well.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, July 8th at 6 pm at the Hilt Church. Teri remarked that she likes having the meetings on a week night.

It was (M/S/P (Warzyn/Lipking) to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore