

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

May 13, 2014

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

ABSENT: Alissa Lipking

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Haunschild) to approve the minutes of the April meeting as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri distributed the financials. We have \$6,812.45 in the checking account and \$48,550.94 in the Treasury account. This is AFTER the purchase of the dozer.

Teri reminded the Board that worker's comp will be double what it was this year. She asked the Chief to get his receipts in for fuel for the past year. Teri will get the volunteer reimbursements done in order that they will be paid from this year's budget.

The cat is \$23,500 plus the cost of the lights. The Chief completely went over the machine and said it is in excellent shape. He believes we could sell it for \$10,000 more than we paid.

RESOLUTION FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS WORKERS COMPENSATION

Teri reported that Special District's has gone through some reorganization. We will be going back to the practice of paying annual dues. Previously, everything was lumped together, now they are breaking things out for accounting purposes.

Before we can renew our Worker's Comp insurance we must sign documents and approve the resolution, stating that SDIS is our provider. We must also post it in a public place. The Board agreed that posting it in the Hilt Church will make it more available than anywhere else for our community.

We have to have written policies (samples sent by Special Districts) and sign a joinder of trust. Teri will review the material sent by Special Districts and adapt the policies to our particular situation, as requested and address any safety issues specific to CRFD. The policies will be reviewed by the Board at the June meeting and adopted.

Peggy signed the required documents and Teri will forward to Special Districts.

Teri pointed out that we can save up to 10% on our insurance if we comply with 5 segments from Special Districts. Each of them is worth 2%. This is not mandatory but since it saves money, the Board agreed to complete them.

Review the online training DVD's. Alissa will complete this
The Board must all watch a DVD on a board related topic. The Board selected one dealing with liabilities.

Develop a check list of Board duties
Develop a policy on duties and safety
Belong to one of the listed associatoin

The Board thanked Teri for all her work on this.

FINAL BUDGET

Neither the Board Chair or the Chief has received any comments or questions about the preliminary budget which has been publically posted in four places within the District. It has been posted for more than 30 days. Thus, it was M/S/P (Haunschild/Warzyn) to approve the preliminary budget as the final budget.

The budget committee provided the Board Chair with the documents to send to Salem and other appropriate places. The Board expressed its appreciation to the budget committee (Lisa Buttrey, Sharron Halverson and Karen Dwyer for all their good work.

PICNIC

Cindy reviewed her notes from last year and had made a note that we should hold it outside of hunting season and after Labor Day. The Board agreed to Sunday, September 14th and the same menu. Cindy asked Betsy to bring her baked beans. Pam will be unable to attend but will bring the donation jars and signs by beforehand.

Teri will go through the t shirt and sweatshirt inventory. Cindy thought we should have a different color – grey since its light enough for summer and not white so as not to show the dirt as much.

Cindy will ask Rory Dwyer if he'd like to do some new art. The Board agreed to purchase hats, tee shirts and sweatshirts – one dozen each for sale.

GRANT

No report

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we received five calls since the last meeting. Three were vehicle calls and two were wild land fires (out of District). The dozer was delivered and is ready to go. Steve brought it down so we could see it. It will need new pads but should be ok for the time being. We will need to purchase a radio helmet for the operator which will stay in the dozer. It will also need fire curtains which are very expensive (up to \$3,000). Steve checked and for now we can use a fire shelter instead. We have one not checked out.

We will do a refresher with Cal Fire (9 people will be enrolled) on the dozer use. All of these 9 firefighters are trained and this course will simply review and refresh skills.

Steve reported that the training is coming along and they are almost finished with the first class. They will be moving outside and begin training on the pumper.

Steve asked the Board to be thinking about whether we need to send a card or letter to raise awareness of the upcoming fire season and the extremity of the situation. The Board will decide at the June meeting.

KIOSK

Betsy sent a request about the location. Peggy met with Siskiyou County officials about locating it in the pickle area which is in California. That was approved but there is concern that having an Oregon department posting its regulations in California might prove confusing.

Betsy would like permission to put the Kiosk by the fire indicator sign inside our District. The Chief and the Board felt there was ample pull out space both in front of the fire indicator sign and on the other side of the road, by the tracks. Betsy will contact Brian Dwyer to discuss possibilities with him.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 10th at the Hilt Church at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore