

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 18, 2014**

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

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm at the Hilt Church.

MINUTES

I was M/S/P (Thomas/Lipking) to approve the October minutes as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri distributed the financial information through email but pointed out that the tax revenue is beginning to come in. We have \$ 11,278.49 in the Checking account and \$39,389.55 in the Treasury account. There are no outstanding bills.

We continue to be over budget in clothing. Steve mentioned that our radio problems continue. They have a factory deficiency but the company continues to insist that it's the fault of the user, not the radios themselves. Steve is looking into others who have this group of radios (the California volunteer fire departments who also have these radios through a grant) Once we are able to determine problems with other agencies, we will pursue recovering repair money from the company.

VOLUNTEER REIMBURSEMENT

As part of the Treasurer's report, Teri mentioned that one firefighter commented on the inadequacy of the stipend money for responding to calls. The Board had a discussion of this issue. We agreed that at the end of the fiscal year, we would compensate those who responded to calls up to \$ 30.00 a month. Peggy asked if it was clear to people that this amount in no way compensated people for their work. It is a "token" to acknowledge volunteers. The Board discussed whether a person should be considered as responding if he/she called in noting their ability to respond. In other words, they are on call and available. The Board agreed that should be counted. Steve will begin noting that on the reports he gives to Teri for reimbursement.

It should continue to be clear to volunteers that this is a token and not an acknowledgment of the value of their work with the District.

CHIEF'S REPORT

There were two calls since the last meeting. One was an accident involving a woman who was seven months pregnant and the car rolled over the bank. One was a vehicle fire.

Steve reported that there is now no one left in the Hilt Hose Company and calls are being answered by CRFD. Cal Fire knows this and is willing to continue automatic aid, as long as Colestin is the responding agency.

Steve is working to equip the new rig. He was able to purchase a helmet, listed at over \$600 for \$ 343. After discussion with the funder, Steve was able to get clarification from them that we can use the hose and other equipment purchased towards this year's grant as long as receipts are presented and the copy of the check is sent as well. Once these are sent in, we should receive a \$10,000 check for this year's match.

Colestin has nine semi active volunteers on the roster. The semi active status is because some are gone at night and some work during the day. This has been fairly common but we have lost people whose availability is not hindered by the need to work outside the valley.

Steve is developing a plan to share with the Board about the future of the District. He will discuss this with the two Assistant Chiefs and then present it to the Board at the December meeting.

GRANTS

Pam had nothing to report except she is pleased that we have basically met our match requirement for this year after Steve's conversation with the funder.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Alissa reported that she spoke with Rogue Credit Union and they are reviewing our situation and will get back to her with a listing of the benefits of banking with them. As a nonprofit agency and the fact we are local, she believes we will save some money moving our accounts.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting is Tuesday, December 9th at the Hilt Church at 6 pm. On that agenda is a wrap up report on the picnic (Cindy) and the Chief's Plan for the future staffing of the District (Steve).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore