

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 14, 2015**

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

ABSENT: Teri Thomas (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 and a quorum was established.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no Treasurer's report.

BUDGET

We have not received any comments or questions about the posted budget. After some discussion it was M/S/P (Haunschild/Lipking) to approve the tentative budget as presented by Lisa at the last meeting. Peggy will contact Lisa so that we can fill out the forms needed to be sent to the state. The Board expressed its appreciation to the Budget Committee (Lisa Buttrey, Karen Dwyer, and Sharron Halvorson) for their work.

CHIEF'S REPORT

There were two calls since the last meeting. Both were medical. The first was a drug over dose with violence. Sheriff Officers and an ambulance were dispatched. The second incident was a disoriented male. Steve remarked that there are more incidents involving drugs each year.

Steve met with Jim Allen, Davison Chief from the Forest Service. The discussion focused on what went wrong last year at the fires that burned 33,000 acres. Chief Allen agreed that CRFD almost had the fire contained to about 30 acres but the request for helicopters was not heeded. Had it been, there would have been a different outcome. The Chief admitted that officers in the field are not able to act without the permission of Washington DC. We can't expect any change since it needs to start in DC. Steve said Cal Fire and ODF are the agencies to count on since we cannot depend on the feds.

Steve said it was a productive discussion and unfortunately the response process will remain status quo.

Steve collected as much of the fire gear in the field as he could. Some of it was not well cared for and cannot be used. All the usable gear has been reassigned to fire fighters who are currently active.

Cindy asked how many people are training this season Steve reported that 16 people signed up and six of these are new.

He is going to use station training this season, meaning people will train in specific locations so that the Ski Road will train together, the central Valley will as well. He is trying to revive Hilt. Steve reported that the firefighters were very happy at this new approach.

GRANT

Pam passed out copies of the grant she submitted. She discussed the information Betsy forwarded to her but it is quite lengthy and seems geared to larger departments and larger educational projects.

Peggy suggested that if we want to participate in this grant in the future we might try and establish partnerships with other departments as it would have a better chance of being funded. We can consider that at a later date.

CARDS

Although cards have gone out reminding residents of the upcoming emergency preparedness event on May 2nd, provided by the Emergency Management arm of the Sheriff's Office, Steve thought other cards which would have safety tips for fire season and a final reminder of the event on the 2nd would be important.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th at the Hilt Church, beginning at 6 pm.

It was M/S/P (Lipking/Warzyn) to adjourn at 6:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore