

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 13, 2015**

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

ABSENT: Alissa Lipking

The meeting was called to order at the Hilt Church at 6:03 pm

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri passed out the Treasurer's report which Lisa put together. We have received 88% of the taxes being levied. The multi peril package has been paid. We have \$6,614.13 in the Checking account and \$66,670.80 in the Treasury account. We are seven months into the fiscal year and have spent about 40% of the budgeted amounts.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we had four calls since the last meeting. One was a vehicle fire, one was a smoke report and two were medicals. One was a suicide and one was caused by a tree falling on a tent with a man and his adult son inside. The man died.

Pam reported that we received the \$10,000 grant check. Steve reported that neither he nor Alissa received any feedback from the letter Alissa sent out which Teri wrote and the Board edited. One person did tell Alissa that the timing was bad since it was received over the holidays. Teri got some compliments about the letter from people she valued but no help was offered.

Steve informed the Board that to avoid any potential bad weather and cancellations, training would start in March this year. More hands on training will occur as well.

Steve discussed his conversations with Cal Fire about the lack of volunteers stepping forward. The biggest complaint from the community is the requirement to respond to fires on I-5. Steve reminded the Board that without Cal Fire responding to calls when most if not all of the firefighters are out of the Valley on weekdays between 8 and 5, we would have no coverage. This would cause insurance companies to cancel coverage to residents in the Valley. Somehow this message does not get out to the residents and it must.

The Board discussed ways to address these concerns including the possibility of a two tiered system with different training hours. Steve wants to wait until the first training session to see what the turnout will be. He will also make some calls.

Steve brought up the concern of silt coming off the county road and into station 1. The road was then discussed and Steve pointed out there is too much DG on the road and not enough rock. Cindy

commented that their 5 foot fence is now a three foot fence due to the road material filling in the area next to the fence. Steve will ask the appropriate supervisor to attend a Board meeting to discuss the road problem.

GRANTS

Pam reported that nothing was happening on the grant front now that we received the money for the cat. Teri reported that Cathy Council has a friend who is willing to write grants for AED's and other medical needs. She is a nurse. Pam will talk with her about possibilities.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

It was M/S/P (Haunschild/Warzyn) to invite Lisa, Karen and Sharron to serve as the Budget Committee again this year. Cindy reminded us that we agreed to rotate the Chair of the committee and its Karen's turn this year. Peggy will contact the three individuals and see if they are willing to serve again.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Cindy reported that Drew is still waiting for a response on the drawing for the fire curtains for the cat. He has made several phone calls and while promises were made, no action has been forthcoming.

Steve is working with Fruit Growers. They have two cats (perhaps more) and young people who have been outfitted for fire. CRFD operators will co-ordinate with the Fruit Grower staff so all will have the same training. The partnership between CRFD and Fruit Growers is an important one. They have a lot of resources in the District both that we can use and that are subject to fire.

NEXT MEETING

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

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Haunschild) to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore