

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES OF July 14, 2015

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

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm and a quorum was present.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Lipking/Warzyn) to approve the June meeting as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri submitted the report electronically and also handed out a hard copy. We have \$2,926.57 in checking and \$ 50,797.80 in the State TreasurRey. Since this is the first fiscal report of the new year (2015-2016) Teri reviewed particular areas of the document. The \$9,074 on the income line is carry over and will go into reserves. The radios and protective clothing are both over spent. The Board approved the overage in these categories because of safety. We do have reserve dollars to cover them.

We also received three more fire shelters, another safety issue.

We are expecting some service income from fires our equipment was on this past year.

Teri thanked Lisa Buttrey, once again, for all her help and work on the CRFD finances.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Annual Board officer elections are due in July.

Peggy asked if anyone would like to take over the Board Chair position. She agreed to do the minute notes if that's the stumbling block. No one expressed an interest.

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Haunschild) to elect Peggy as Board Chair.

It was M/S/P (Haunschild/Thomas) to elect Windy as Vice Chair.

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Lipking) to elect Teri as Treasurer.

It was M/S/P 9Thomas/Warzyn) to elect Alissa as Secretary.

Pam will continue heading up Grants.

CHIEF 'S REPORT

Steve met with the appropriate parties in Oregon about the Railroad. There are three issues: 1) trash being strewn around the area by workers. 2) Precautionary measures before the trains begin to run. 3) Speed with which their employees drive the road.

The people Steve spoke to called the District Management of CORP. They will NOT run trains during fire season. This was a decision they made. There was Board discussion about what this actually means. With the changing weather, fire season can extend into fall. In addition, during winters without snow or significant rain, sparks can still ignite grass. Steve will be watching the situation.

The workers have moved out of the district so the trash issue is solved for the moment as is the issue of speed.

We received eight calls (4 vegetation fires caused by lightning, 2 vehicle fires and two minor medicals.)

Steve pointed out that without the recent rain, we would be in extreme by now.

We did not receive the ODF grant for \$10,000 for this year. Their funding has been cut and since we have been recipients for the past few years, they are directing their resources to small districts who have not received funds and are in danger of folding.

Steve pointed out that in talking with the Deputy Fire Marshal Michelle Stevens, we need to develop a Drug Policy to be approved by the Board. Peggy will send out some samples prior to the next Board meeting for review. We should be able to take action at the August meeting.

Steve reported that we continue to have radio problems. He was able to speak with the distributor of our radios who came down and saw the problems with the radios. Apparently we have 100 watts in our radio. Cal Fire who has exactly the same radios, at a different wattage does not have these problems.

The problem is some soldering in the radios of the higher wattage cause them to short out. These are made in Mexico. The distributor has been working with the manufacturer and they will be repaired under warrant, even though the 30 day warranties have expired.

Steve will explore past radio issues and see if we can receive some money back. This has been a continuing problem, causing safety concerns because of the unreliability.

HELP FROM THE COMMUNITY

Cindy reported that Tod Davies and Alex Cox have moved back to the Valley. Tod has offered to reestablish her excellent relationship with the Jackson County Fuel Program if we would like. The Board enthusiastically agreed to have Tod take that up again and Peggy will confirm with an Email to Tod.

Tod has also offered to assist with grants. Pam was very pleased to accept her offer and the two of them will form a grant team.

KIOSK

Peggy reported that Betsy and Jerry have been working on this and the basic structure is up. Jerry will get a metal roof (green in color) up. Betsy will paint the back area before the case goes on to protect moisture. Pam, Cindy and Teri have some left over green metal material and will check to see what can be donated.

PICNIC

Cindy has the banners and Alissa offered to take them to Superior Sign, who did the banners to change the date for this year.

The picnic will be held on Sunday, September 13th from 12 to 2 at the Hilt Church. Cindy mentioned that Jeanie Marin had offered to help the District and she suggested that Jeanie could help coordinate the food, etc. Alissa will invite Jeanie to take on this task.

There being no further business, it was M/S/P (Warzyn/Lipking) to adjourn the meeting at 7:10.

NEXT MEETING

Due to the absence of three of the five Board members on our scheduled meeting date (August 11th) we will meet on Tuesday, August 4th at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore