

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 9, 2015**

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

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm at the Hilt Church and a quorum was established.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Lipking/Warzyn) to approve the minutes of the May meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri reported that we have \$9,505.48 in the checking account and \$ 49,158.00 in the Treasury account. All of our insurance bills are paid.

Steve reported that the Cat needs work. Steve thanked Drew and Cindy for their work on the fire curtains. It took hours to be able to get this right and their time and effort is much appreciated.

Teri is sending out the volunteer reimbursement thank yous and checks.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we had 6 calls since the last meeting. Four were medical, one a vegetation fire and one a haz mat.

Steve signed an automatic aid agreement with Cal Fire. They have become annual contracts rather than multiyear as in the past.

Hornbrook is not repairable. Cal fire managers have been trying to get people together but it is not working. Several of the individuals involved will be joining Hilt. They will be assigned to Brush 44. The benefits, even outfitting them, out weights the costs. It will provide more fire fighters at the south end of the Valley, more experienced fire fighters and continue to allow us to work with Cal Fire in a mutual aid situation.

Steve passed around a list that Sharron compiled with the items needed to fully outfit the fire fighters. He will get costs and share with the Board.

RAILROAD ISSUES

Although the Railroad is still owned by CORP, they have contracted the track repairs to an outside company. Board members reported several issues with what is happening with the railroad: their people are driving too fast and leave litter all over the area. The final "straw" was when they closed a crossing for a day. In order to do so, they need to give at least 24 hours notice. Steve had them reopen the crossing and will be meeting with the appropriate parties in the near future.

KIOSK

Betsy has been working with Jerry Lehman on the project. Jerry has offered to donate his labor and only charge us for the actual costs of materials. Betsy suggested that we pay Jerry a stipend for his labor and time. The Board agreed.

Betsy will call 811 to get a locator up to examine the space. It's free and part of the call before you dig program. The Board felt, even though the Yreka Manager feels certain there are no issues, it is safer to have it done since then there will be a record.

SKI ROAD

Pam noted that although the public comment part of their proposal has passed, we might want to comment anyway. Steve suggested that since it is the Department of Forestry to whom the comments are addressed, they would be interested in what a fire district in the area thinks about the proposal. Cindy will draft a letter for us to review and comment on the issues we see with opening it up to more activity. These include more traffic and increased risks. Anytime you increase activity, you increase risks.

T SHIRTS

Pam has offered two designs for the t shirts for 2015. Everyone really liked both but, since this is probably a more serious fire year, voted to have the trees (with hottest job on earth) ordered. The second one says "No joke, we eat smoke" which we can use in 2016.

The shirts (and hats) will be grey and have the year on them. We will order the ones with pockets. Pam will order 24 t shirts in different sizes.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is July 14th at 6 pm.

It was M/S/P (Lipking/Haunschild) to adjourn at 7:10

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore