

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 10, 2015**

PRESENT: Pam Haunschild, Alissa Lipking, Peggy Moore, Steve Avgeris. Lisa Buttrey (Budget committee)
Sharron Halvorson (Budget Committee)

ABSENT: Teri Thomas (excused), Cindy Warzyn (excused)

GUEST: Jeanne Marin

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 at the Hilt Church

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Lipking/Haunschild) to approve the minutes of the February meeting as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri sent the report to the Board. Alissa noted that the vehicle repair and maintenance line item appears to be a double entry. Lisa will check with Teri.

The Board was pleased to note that the balances look good and there are no significant items outstanding.

BUDGET COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

The budget committee reviewed the preliminary budget handed out to the Board. This year, taking into consideration from last year's budget discussion, the committee used a "big picture thinking process" hoping to recommend funding of some of the items on previous wish lists that particularly address safety.

Lisa reminded the Board that contingencies are "rainy day" funds and we have a healthy one. Reserves are long term funding opportunities and for unexpected emergencies.

The Board reviewed the areas of the preliminary budget that are new. It was M/S/P (Haunschild/Lipking) to approve the preliminary budget with the changes discuss at the meeting for sun shining. Lisa will email the revised preliminary budget as discussed and the Board members should email Lisa to confirm their approval. It will then be ready for "sun shining."

The Board thanked the budget committee for the excellent work. The budget will be available for Public Viewing for at least the required 20 days. In April, the Board will vote to adopt the final budget.

ELECTION

Three positions are open with all incumbents running again. (The positions held by Teri Thomas, Alissa Lipking and Cindy Warzyn are all open.) Jeanne Marin stated she is interested in running for the Board and Steve provided her information to file.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that the first training for the season will occur on March 20th. In April he will have dozer training.

There was one medical since the last meeting.

MEETING WITH THE LOCAL EMERGENCY TEAM

Peggy reported that there has been discussion about inviting a team to the Valley for an opportunity for community members to learn more about emergency preparedness. The Board agreed that hosting it on a Saturday will be best. Betsy has been working with these folks and will offer them several Saturdays to choose from in the next two months.

GRANTS

Neither Pam nor Steve has heard from the granting agency about when the money will be coming. But it will be coming.

CHUCK'S RETIREMENT

Fortunately for the District, although Chuck is moving from the Valley, he will continue to serve as an Engineer. In order to remain a chief officer, he would have to live in the Valley, so he can't continue in that role. However, he will be available to remain an engineer and respond. We will not, therefore, be hosting a retirement party for him.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on April 14th at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore