

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 12, 2016**

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

ABSENT: None

The meeting came to order at 6:00 pm at the Hilt Church. A quorum was established.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri provided the board with financial reports. She stated that we are now spending grant money. We have \$ 5,382.91 in the Checking account and \$ 63,342.15 in the State Treasury account.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we had four calls since the last meeting. One was a motor home. We were called to assist at a fire in Hornbrook which reached three acres. It was an illegal burn.

The train started four fires because of sparking within 20 minutes. Two engines were on the fire. Steve praised the CRFD volunteers for their work on this fire which could have been much worse. The four fires merged into one fire and burned 26 acres. Steve with help from other agencies shut the train down for three hours. They called an inspector and they found the "culprit." And the train personnel cleaned the equipment. ODF sent two engines down. They ordered CORP to put a water car on the train. This is not enough. Although it meets the letter of the law in Oregon, the water is misting and not actually going on the vegetation on the side with enough water to prevent sparks from starting fires.

The Board had a lengthy discussion about next steps. Steve will be meeting with lead personnel from both Cal Fire and ODF. Peggy suggested a meeting with Roseburg Lumber, the one client that CORP services with their trains.

The proposal is to get both state agencies to get CORP to run in non daylight hours. This would reduce the chances of sparking by about 70%.

The Board approved a resolution to take to ODF and Cal Fire and to share with Roseburg personnel if appropriate.

It was M/S/P (Haunschild/Lipking) to request that during fire season, the train only run at night because of the extreme fire danger and insufficient equipment and resources to respond to the sparking activities during daylight hours.

Steve will present the resolution to the two agencies.

The fourth incident was a structure fire in Hornbrook which Cal Fire responded to.

Steve reported that the volunteers this year are an extraordinary group. It's a nice mix of volunteers and they are enthusiastic in responding. Almost all have their gear. Steve has been disappointed in Cascade Fire not being prepared with gear this year. He will be discussing this problem and if it cannot be corrected so that gear is available early in the season, we will do business with another company.

Steve reported that Cal Fire is trading 52-12 (formerly Brush 44) for a different engine. 52-12 will go to the Klamath River Department as they are very equipment poor. The engine we will get is two wheel drive but holds 5 fire fighters so volunteers can park their vehicles and go in one engine. Steve said the truck is far better than 52-12.

WATER

The discussion on clean water from the last meeting was continued. Teri and Steve restated our goal is to get clean water for the equipment so that it is not adversely affected. The Board approved the request to expand the size of the hose for John Marin's water source. Initially we thought it would be about \$800 but it turns out it will be between \$ 1,800 and \$2,000. John will arrange for the labor and equipment to dig himself.

After discussion, Teri suggested we use part of the TIDE grant to pay for this work. The Board agreed. Cindy suggested we come up with a plan for several water sources in the Valley. Drew and Cindy have fixed their area for under \$200. The District will reimburse. Pam offered their property as well.

Steve commented that the more sources the better. He has spoken to Fred Marken who has agreed to allow his pond as a source.

This will be on the next agenda for discussion. Aspects needed: identify water sources, develop a list and indicate on run sheets where the sources are. Purchase second hand tanks which can be flushed and made available for under \$200 each. Make mention of this project at the picnic and perhaps send out a letter asking for residents to participate.

TEE SHIRTS

The Board complimented Pam on the new shirts for this year. They are a different color and will be popular when sold at the picnic. Pam will order some large but mostly extra large and 2x blue shirts with a pocket that will be given to the fire fighters.

PICNIC

Alissa reported that she is taking the sign into Medford to get the date changed (free) and confirmed the menu for the picnic. We have most of the paper products, table cloths and some soft drinks. Alissa will make the fruit salad, Cindy will do potato salad, and Betsy will do beans. We will add chips, hot dogs, veggie burgers and regular burgers. Alissa will order a Costco cake. The board will meet at 11 to set up. Picnic hours are 12-2 on Sunday, Sept 11th.

GRANTS

Pam reported that Lomakatsi has an \$80,000 grant for clean up.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Friday, Sept 9th at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Lipking/Warzyn) to adjourn at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore