

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

**PRESENT:** Alissa Lipking, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris

**ABSENT:** Pam Haunschild (excused)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sharron Halvorson (Budget Committee), Tod Davies (Grants)

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm. A quorum was established.

**MINUTES**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Teri provided hard copies of the Balance sheet, statement of profit and loss to date and transactions by account. These were also provided electronically prior to the meeting.

We have \$11,892.69 in the checking account and \$ 79,253.76 in the Treasury account. Teri pointed out that we have more money available than budgeted in the levy. Most of the tax revenue is in, a few people pay a third so a little more money will be realized in February and May.

Insurance expenses are slightly over. Teri reported that Worker's comp will go up for volunteers 17.59% which is a significant increase. In additional Accident insurance will also experience a 5% increase. We need to be attentive about our roster. Teri modifies it during the year. Cindy commented that we are better to err on the side of inclusiveness so that we don't have people show up to an incident who are not on our roster and thus not insured.

The Board concurred.

**BUDGET**

Steve provided the Board with a wish list amounting to \$3,900. Sharron reported that the average increase in available levy money over the past five years has been approximately \$1,000. This year we have \$6,000 available.

Sharron handed out information on a new CPR machine. The Lucas Chest Compression System is \$ 15,000 and departments are buying them all over the country. The machine does the compression that previously was done by hands. It is something we hope to be able to purchase in the future. Tod thinks that grants might cover these in the future.

Sharron led the discussion on the budget. Besides the Chief's wish list of \$3,900 (which includes \$ 1,600 to replace a 17 year old saw that is good only for parts and a second saw which is about 11 years old and should be used as a backup). Some of the list (mostly suction hoses and pumps) can be put off until next year but with the average age of our Fire Fighters (55), we need some of these items to help.

The bumper on 44-13 needs to have an extension platform which will allow volunteers to fully stand on it when working.

44-40 has a "wandering" problem and might need a steering box. That cost is about \$800. Additional costs include serious vehicle maintenance for about \$3,000 and \$5,000 in additional areas.

Steve reported that the new regulations about aging tires require that, no matter the shape the tires are in, they must be changed out every five years. Steve spoke to the folks at Les Schwab who said there is a possibility that tires which are still good can be checked by a tire professional to certify the health of the tires and then we would have another 36 months of use before needing to replace them.

Steve will contact Les Schwab to perform this check and we would then be in compliance, assuming the tires "pass" the test.

44-13 will need a functioning foam unit for \$ 350.

Sharron will note the requests and Teri's suggestion that some areas are over budgeted and that money can be used in other areas will be considered when the budget committee develops the preliminary budget.

Teri requested that the budget for community education be augmented by \$ 100 in the new budget.

### **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

Tod has contacted the Fuel Reduction Committee in town and they welcomed her back. She will be meeting with them as she did in the past. One grant that is a fuel reduction possibility we don't qualify for. Tod will also be looking at possible grant opportunities for some of the budget requests. She will work with Pam on these opportunities.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve reported that we had two calls (both traffic related on I 5) since the last meeting.

Personnel at the Klamath National reported that as of Feb 1<sup>st</sup> we are at 132% of normal in the snow pack and it has a water content of 151%. However, with the temperatures rising the snow is melting more quickly which does not bode well.

Steve reported that Cal Fire is getting a trainer from Redding in their unit. There was a lot of concern in the volunteer departments in Siskiyou County about the quality of the training. They mirrored concerns raised by our fire fighters about more hands on training. Twenty Four hours is the requirement for training and it can be a combination of class room and hands on.

Steve stated the he has found a CPR instructor for a four hour class in Hilt. There are about 21 fire fighters who must renew their CPR certificate. The cost will be \$ 30 a person for volunteers. This is not in the budget and should be an annual expense so Sharron will add it to next year's budget. In the meantime it was M/S/P (Thomas/Lipking) to take the money out of reserves for this year's class.

### **TRAINING**

Volunteers requested that training dates be pushed back this year. Steve has been waiting on the new trainer from Cal Fire because scheduled training must be coordinated with volunteer departments in Siskiyou County. If community people want to attend, they must pay the \$30 cost. The training will start no later than April but the "business/organization" meeting can start earlier and the CPR class can be scheduled the week following that.

Steve will get Betsy the dates so she can advertise it and send cards.

**BRIAN BALLOU**

Brian has been a significant partner with us and all agencies in Jackson County. This past Sunday he suffered a major heart attack at home. He is currently in the hospital pending more tests and treatment. A card will be sent on behalf of CRFD.

**NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting is Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Hilt Church at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore