

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**January 8, 2016**

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

**ABSENT:** Alissa Lipking

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

**MINUTES**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Teri distributed the budget materials prior to the meeting. We have \$ 13,261.32 in the Checking account which includes the \$10,000 from the TIDE Foundation. The tax account has \$78,794 which includes the first tax distribution. This is over the amount budgeted and we still have money due in the next two installment dates.

Teri reported that the Insurance is \$ 181 over budget due to an increase in the Multi Peril Package. Other expenses are in line with the expected budget in terms of rate of expenditures.

Teri expressed her appreciation to Betsy Bradshaw for the recent booklet on fire prevention that was mailed to residents of the Valley. Pam and Cindy also thanked Betsy. Steve said all we can do is provide information and hope people read it. It is part of our community education program which Betsy heads.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve reported that we had three calls (2 traffic and one medical) since the last meeting. One of the traffic calls was covered by Cal Fire. The road had not been plowed enough for our vehicles to respond. It was a serious accident with multiple injuries.

Hornbrook is having trouble getting insurance. They have a new Fire chief and Steve suggested they talk to the company that insures Hilt. Steve is hopeful that the restart up of the Hornbrook Hose Company will work out.

Several volunteers have requested that training be delayed until March due to possible weather. Steve will provide the Board with the training schedule in March.

Steve led the Board in a status review of particular areas of the District in terms of staffing.

SKI ROAD – We may not put an engine on the Ski Road since we only have two active, trained volunteers on the Ski Road. Steve suggested that a meeting of ski road residents be held either with or without him to ascertain the level of protection they want and ways to achieve it.

Cindy suggested that we use the survey approach that Pam used in the past to get feedback. If there are not enough people (at least three) to respond to the calls on the Ski Road, putting an engine up there is useless.

**STATION ONE** - Steve reported that there are several new people who have expressed an interest in joining. We do not have enough people doing medical. Only two people are certified as first responders and both need to re certify this year.

Steve is suggested that we hold a basic 1st aid and CPR class which Karen Dwyer could teach. Most of the work done by initial responders is first aid so this would help us.

Steve stated that there are only four people able to operate the water tender. The cat, he said, was a blessing in disguise. since it can take the place of several humans on the line.

**HILT** – is still struggling.

The automatic aid with Cal Fire is holding strong. They have extended an invitation to ODF to work on joint responses. Mutual cooperation between California and Oregon is critical and Steve believes there is movement in that area.

### **BUDGET**

Peggy asked the Board for direction putting together the budget committee for 2016-17.

The Board asked that she contact Karen, Lisa and Sharron to see if they would be willing to serve again. At least one would need to attend the February meeting, prepare a draft budget for March and a tentative budget (after discussion) for April. It would then be sun shined for at least 30 days and finalized in May. It goes to the state by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **GRANTS**

Teri confirmed that the TIDE Foundation grant had been received thanks to work on Tod Davies' part. Cindy drafted a letter for Teri to send them, thanking them for their generosity.

Pam continues to look for grants as they are released. The FEMA grants are not funding equipment as much as they had in the past. They are also focusing more on larger areas and hence we are not qualifying for them.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Haunschild) to adjourn at 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted

Peggy Moore