

COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 12, 2016

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

ABSENT: Pam Haunschild, Alissa Lipking

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri passed out financial information which she had sent electronically. We have \$ 10,054.45 in the checking account and \$ 62,905.32 in the State Treasury account. She pointed out that we have \$6,643 more gross income than budgeted. This is mostly due to increased levy income.

We have purchased tires for three vehicles (44-12, 44-13 and 44-10). 44-10 tires are from the TIDE Foundation. Steve reminded the Board that the rule is tires should be rotated after being on the vehicle for 5 years. Les Schwab is happy to send someone to the District to look at tread. There are ways to determine the actual use so that while 5 years is the recommended time period, it could be shorter (or in the rare case, longer).

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we had 7 calls since the last Board meeting. One structure, 1 auto, 2 medical and 4 vegetation (2 outside of the District and 2 inside). Cindy brought up the problem of clean water, which is important so as not to clog the mechanism on the water tender. Fruit Growers will clean their water source, which will help.

Cindy suggested that we develop a clean water plan for the community during the down time this winter. This would include purchasing probably three storage tanks which would be placed at both ends of the District and in the center. Burying the tanks would help eliminate build up of algae in the warm months.

Teri stated that she thinks the District should pay to have larger pipe and fittings installed at John Marin's 12,000 gallon water tank since it is a good source of clean water and located near many homes. Steve said increasing it will provide three times the speed of delivering water. It was M/S/P (Thomas/Warzyn) to purchase pipes and fittings for John Marin's tank.

Steve reported that there were problems with the tactical frequencies assigned during the recent structure fire. Steve has called a meeting for July 20th with ODF and others to be held in Hornbrook to fix the problem.

Peggy asked about the structure fire. It is under investigation but a trailer burned and could have been a serious concern. Steve called in air tankers and lots of agencies to help and the danger of spreading was curtailed.

The Train has become an issue again. They are running it at 2 pm, the hottest time of the day. The engines are old and thus spark a lot. Steve will call CORP to inform them that they should run the train between 6 – 7:30 am to avoid sparking. Since part of the route goes through private land, the state can “trump” federal regulations by not permitting them to go through private land. He will work with both Cal Fire and ODF to get support for this change.

The KNF contracts have been signed so the grant has been funded and we have the letter.

Steve reported that training is going well and it is a great group of volunteers. There are 10 very active and 18 on the roster.

T SHIRTS

Steve reported that several volunteers have requested Navy blue t shirts as that is traditional in the fire service. Other colors can be offered as well. Each volunteer may select a t shirt at no charge so we need to have a number of Navy shirts.

Cindy recommended notifying Pam. They should have pockets and have Colestin Rural Fire District on the back. If they must be ordered 12 in an order Pam should order 2 medium, 6 large and 10 extra large. The sizes to make up the 24 should be proportional between large and extra large. These are the blue shirts. Other colors can and should also be ordered.

PHONE TREE

Peggy brought up the issue of the phone tree and recency of contact information. Some of the phone numbers and e mails on the phone tree are out of date.

There was general discussion about ways to fix the problem which include texting, Google groups, group emails. Lisa has been thinking about this and has some ideas. Steve suggested Nancy Ames might be a good person to head up this effort.

The Board wants to invite Lisa to the next Board meeting to discuss ways to address this issue.

PICNIC

A save the date went out on the recent card mailing about restrictions. Alissa has this in hand and so further discussion was tabled until the August meeting.

OTHER

Cindy brought up the question of whether the cat should have a designated number. Steve said it should. He will come up with a number so that it does not have to be referred to (on the air) as the Colestin Cat.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Friday, August 12th at 6 pm at the Hilt Church. Until the end of tax season (April 2017) our meetings will be held on the second Friday of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 0m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore