

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 14, 2016**

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

ABSENT: None

Peggy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri handed out the balance sheet, the profit and loss budget vs. actual and transactions by account. All of these are as of June 14th.

We have \$ 8,886.73 in the checking account and \$ 71,617.43 in the Treasury account. The largest check was Worker's Comp and it was recently paid. All insurances are paid to date.

Teri reported that we have two years to spend the TIDE grant money but we must report to them every three months on the status of the grant. The TIDE money and the BFA grant have both contributed to the new tires and some additional budgeted equipment.

Teri reminded Steve that he needs to turn in bills for fuel to date. He will do so.

Steve outlined a plan for tires on vehicles 2017 – 4413; 2018 water tender and 4412 since it requires smaller tires so that cost would be \$1,200- 1,300. Pam pointed out that we requested \$ 9,900 in the grant for tires. The idea was to get them on a rotating basis so that all trucks do not come due for new tires at the same time.

Teri reported that we have already spent \$ 3,418. 80 on tires for 4413 and the water tender. Steve reminded the board he has spent \$ 1,600 on chain saws and chaps.

Repairs are still being performed on 4413.

CPR training is also in the grant.

Steve mentioned to the Board that we need to decide on clothing for new firefighters. The Board has taken a wait and see attitude since boots are expensive and can rarely be used for other firefighters if the one who originally had the boots leaves. Steve told the Board that several of the fire fighters were very disappointed when he told them we wouldn't be outfitting new volunteers until further into the season.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of waiting to outfit new volunteers given the turnover rate. It's expensive to outfit from head to feet. Others commented that it shows our faith in them by outfitting

those that seem to be committed. Steve said he had six new volunteers, some younger than 50, who seem to be committed. The board agreed to spend the \$1,500 to buy boots and gear for wild land fire fighting for these volunteers. They will be encouraged to go to Cascade, where the boots and gear, are the least expensive and get it. Cascade will bill the District.

Peggy suggested that Steve call or email these volunteers, informing them of this opportunity.

Teri provided the Board with a list of volunteers who will receive reimbursement checks for responses to calls. The individual Board members all signed a thank you letter to these volunteers which Teri prepared and will mail out with the checks.

ELECTIONS

In a previous meeting, the Board agreed to hold annual elections for officers at the June meeting, since Board elections occur in May.

Peggy opened the nominations with a plea for someone to step forward to be Board Chair. It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Haunschild) to nominate Peggy as Board Chair. There were no other nominations.

It was M/S/P (Lipking/Thomas/Haunschild) to nominate Cindy Warzyn as Vice Chair. It was M/S/P (Haunschild/Warzyn) to nominate Teri Thomas as Treasurer.

Pam agreed to continue serving as Grants and Fundraising chair and Alissa agreed to spearhead the picnic.

PICNIC DATE

Alissa asked the Board to confirm a date for the 2016 annual community picnic. It will be on Sunday, September 11th from noon to 2 at the Hilt Church. Alissa has purchased inexpensive but functional table cloths.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported we had one call (medical) since the last meeting.

We are in fire season in both Oregon and California. No more burn barrels. Peggy mentioned that Betsy will be sending red cards out as soon as ODF has an announcement. She will include a save the date for the picnic as well.

Steve handed out the ODF VFA Grant. Our project has been approved; if the grant is fully funded. This will pay for turnouts, tires and other equipment.

Teri suggested we hold back on purchasing two sets of tires until we know if we are fully funded.

Steve reported that the railroad had stated they would not run during fire season. They have changed their mind. Steve will meet with Darrell Laws of Cal Fire, ODF representatives and see if they can get the train to run at 5:00 am and not at 2:30 in the afternoon. Changing the run time makes a 90% less chance of a fire being started by sparks from the train. Steve is fairly sure Cal Fire will support that,

which would mean that if ODF doesn't, the train would somehow have to get from California (and their restrictions) in order to run in Oregon. This might present a physical limitation.

GRANTS

Pam had nothing further to report on grants.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is schedule for Tues July 12th (Pam and Alissa will be unable to attend). In August, the meetings will move again to Friday.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore