

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 10, 2016**

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

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm at the Hilt Church.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri provided a balance sheet, profit and loss vs. actual and a transactions by account report to the Board. Teri reported that we have \$81,166.32 in the Treasury fund and \$ 3,568 in Savings. She stated that even though we are over spending in authorized repairs, we will still be in excellent shape.

Teri will send our volunteer reimbursements soon. She has signed the appropriate paperwork for the TIDE grant.

The final budget was sunshined, no public comments were received and it was M/S/P (Lipking/Warzyn) to approve the budget for 2016-17 which will be sent to the state of Oregon prior to June 1st.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we have had two calls since the last meeting. One was a controlled burn and one was a medical.

44-13 will need a new transmission and that is the first priority for repairs this month.

Training went very well. There were 20 people for the CPR training and five signed up but were unable to attend, Steve will try and schedule a makeup session for these five folks. About one half of the folks signed up are new this year.

The challenge will be outfitting them since wild land gear is at least \$1,000 per person. It's difficult to know how many will stick to the training and be available through the season. Since sizes are very specific, that complicates the problem.

Alissa reported that she has been researching the cost of boots. The best deal thus far is Blackbird's where the cost is \$249.99 a pair and with the 10% discount, the cost will be \$ 224.99. Teri suggested that be the ceiling price for reimbursement for fire fighters.

Chief Laws told the Board that California is in fire season. Training has resumed in Hornbrook and the next one is on May 16th. Hilt and CRFD personnel would be welcome to attend that session. Board members commented on the positive aspects of Hornbrook being in service again. Their Board is mostly new and this bodes well.

Steve reported that we only have one EMR person available. This issue will need to be addressed but the training is intense and time consuming.

Steve asked Chief Laws to explain the special tax that is on the June ballot in California for volunteer districts. An annual \$ 5.00 tax (Measure R) will establish a county service area to include all of Siskiyou County except for the south east corner which is another service area and already paying the tax.

It will allow volunteer department to receive medical equipment. There is a Board that will determine distribution. Everyone is hopeful this small tax will be approved.

GRANTS

Pam reported that we have not yet received word on our grant application. It is a match grant and since we were not funded last year, we have a good change of receiving funding this year. Pam reported that those in the Ashland Water Shed (some on the Ski Road) have an opportunity for some money from the Water Shed project.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Peggy reported that Betsy wanted to call the Board's attention to the multi-state-wide Cascadia Rising exercise on emergency major earthquake preparedness. Numerous agencies across Oregon, Washington, Idaho and B.C., Canada are testing coordinated joint response operations from June 7 through the 10th. All agencies will be practicing their own emergency preparedness plans and inter-agency response capabilities.

Although we have not participated in the Cascadia Rising planning meetings, some things that we can still do are: test the phone tree and encourage residents to put together or recheck emergency medical kits and survival supplies. Betsy has linked information on the website to the Oregon Office of Emergency Management information.

Peggy will contact Lisa to see if she will coordinate a test the phone tree activity. We need to find a volunteer who might head up some of these efforts. Peggy suggested John Ames has the skills to do this. She will invite him to initially work with Betsy on this effort.

PICNIC

Alissa will head up the annual Picnic in September, assisted by Jeanne Marin. The date will be determined at the June meeting but probably a Sunday in September.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Tuesday, June 14th at the Hilt Church at 6 pm. It was M/S/P (Lipking/Warzyn) to adjourn at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore