

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**October 7, 2016**

The meeting came to order at 6:00 pm on October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Hilt Church.

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

**ABSENT:** Pam Haunschild (excused)

**MINUTES**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Teri reported that the checking account has \$ 8,967.28 and the Treasury account has \$ 53,711.80. We received the reimbursement check from the Hawkinsville Fire in the amount of \$ 1,245. Teri explained that we cannot directly reimburse the firefighters who were on the engine unless we do it as employees. This would involve taking taxes out, setting up a payroll system and a variety of other tasks that are more labor intensive for the few times this becomes an issue.

The Board agreed to pay any fire fighter according to the guidelines the govern volunteer districts in Oregon as stipends rather than invoking employee status.

**Review of the Oregon Ethics Law Policy.** The goal of this program, which is sponsored by the insurance companies, is to increase awareness on a number of issues for Board members. We receive from 8 to 10% off our insurance bill annually if we complete the courses offered. The Board reviewed the check list and the document provided by the insurance company. Thus, it was M/S/P (Warzyn/Lipking) to adopt the Oregon Ethics Law Policy as the CRFD policy on Board ethics. The copies were signed by the Board President and the Board Secretary.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

We received three calls since the last meeting. All three were vegetation fires out of the District; however, one was close to district boundaries. The fire in the Hornbrook area was an intentional, set fire. It used a military flare. It is being investigated.

Steve reported that fire danger is down to low and after the next weather system, ODF may call fire season.

The train began running during the day due to the low risk of sparks.

Steve is expecting the engine trade in Hilt will occur this week.

Steve informed the Board that the new ODF command is interested in attending one of our meetings. Steve will issue invitations to Lee Winslow and Taylor Wilkenson to attend at their convenience.

### **GEAR**

Alissa reported that we are almost entirely out of t-shirts and we have no sweatshirts. The Board discussed several associated issues.

Firefighters want a blue t-shirt with a pocket and an emblem above the pocket. They do not want writing on the front. The back should have the CRFD lettering. They can be blue or grey but the board felt they should all be one color. Blue was decided on. Alissa will investigate pricing, etc. For the public we will rely on more unique sayings and colors.

### **OTHER**

Peggy reported that she sent a letter on behalf of Jud Parson's request to put a water tank on his property on the Ski Road for fire protection. Since Jud's property is under a conservation easement, they requested a formal letter from the fire district. This kind of letter can be used in the future should any other properties need such a letter.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Lipking/Warzyn) to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore