

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
June 12, 2017**

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

**ABSENT:** None

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 and a quorum was established.

**MINUTES**

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Warzyn) to approve the minutes as corrected in the second draft.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Teri reported that we have \$ 7,576.37 in the checking account and \$ 74,310.32 in the Treasury account. We have \$ 7,000 plus left in the vehicle repair line. The radios are \$ 1,922 over budget which is to be expected. Worker's Compensation is a little under budget.

Teri paid the volunteers their annual stipend for their response and the Board signed the letters. Teri noted that both David Lipking, as Assistant Chief, was paid for a full year since his duties require year round attention and Sharron Halverson was also paid for a full year since she always responds.

Teri investigated the rules dealing with bids and found that any job under \$5,000 does not require a bidding process. Work over \$5,000 but under \$100,000 requires three informal bids. However the contracting agency (in this case CRFD) may set the criteria for bids.

Cindy confirmed that the electrical job will be under \$5,000 so we won't need to establish criteria this time.

Teri remarked that two of the water holes we use to draft from have lots of silt. Steve said we need a back hoe and a dump truck to clean it out. He will donate the use of the dump truck and gas since he'll haul the silt. He believes we should pay for the back hoe. Cindy and Drew have a back hoe and have offered to use it for the project. The Board thanked Cindy and Drew for their continued generosity.

**ELECTIONS**

Steve received the legal information from the County on the recent Board Election and has sent the necessary paperwork back to the County. Two seats were up for election and both incumbents, Pam and Peggy received 29 votes each. There were no other people on the ballot.

**ANNUAL BOARD ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following Board members were elected to the offices. Chair – Peggy Moore; Vice Chair – Cindy Warzyn; Secretary – Alissa Lipking and Treasurer – Teri Thomas. Pam Haunschild will continue as our Grants Person.

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve reported that we had one vegetation fire; one structure fire, and the house was saved but basically "totaled" and one 40 acre plus fire which started in a grow. In addition there was one vehicle roll over.

The TIDES grant was funded which is wonderful news. The money is to go to a truck that is in surplus with Cal Fire. California has put a hold on surplus sales of engines due to state budget concerns. If we are not able to purchase a truck with the TIDE grants we may have to return it. Teri will put the check in a special fund until we are able to purchase the truck we are interested in or not.

Fire Season is in effect in both California and Oregon.

Fire indicator signs are up in the lower part of the Valley but not in the upper Valley or on the Ski Road. Steve has discussed this with ODF and they will be up very soon. We do not want to send mixed messages to the Community.

Steve reported that some of our volunteers do not have turn outs and thus cannot respond to fires. The water tender operator does not have to have a turn out since she/he is not actually on the line. Steve will do a head count on Friday, the last training of the season and see where we are with respect to turnouts. If those who have not yet committed to be in the volunteer ranks this year don't by the end of the season, they will be asked for all gear to be returned. Some folks are "on the fence."

Training is going well and we have a couple of new potential engineers.

Steve reported that we will have a professional trainer from Cal Fire next year and will focus on vegetation responses and vehicles.

## **POSTERS**

Betsy is trying to find the right poster to replace the current ones in the kiosks that will focus on defensible space. Alissa provided a site she is familiar with.

Teri reported that the Board agenda for July will have a Cyber Security draft policy for discussion.

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Lipking) to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted

Peggy Moore