

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

PRESENT: Pam Haunschild, Teri Thomas, Peggy Moore. Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris, (Kona)

ABSENT: Alissa Lipking (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm and a quorum was established.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri reported that the checking account has \$ 25,857.53 which includes the grant funds and the State Treasury account has \$ 64,249.08. Teri will move some of the money in the checking account since all the larger bills have been paid for the current fiscal year and we receive a decent interest amount in the treasury account.

She noted that the Worker's Comp bills come in at the end of the calendar year.

When reviewing the accounts, Cindy noted that we have enough money to easily put the electrical wiring to the fire station underground since we seem to experience constant issues with wind and weather, causing roofs to become damaged and other structural mishaps.

The Board agreed to do this.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we had three (3) medicals (1) traffic call and (2) two commercial vehicle fires on the freeway. It was unusually busy for this time of year.

The new Squad is here and Steve is pleased with it. He will be bringing it and the water tender to the next training.

Steve reported that as soon as he is able to get the lettering off the old pick up, we should sell it. Since the pickup was not paid by the tax payers, but rather a grant, we don't have to advertise it and comply with legal sunshine regulations. However, Steve and the Board want to open it up to our community before going outside to solicit bids.

Steve thinks that since it has a new engine, even though it has about 120,000 miles on it we should set the minimum bid at \$1,500. The plan would be to advertise it in the District through the website and the kiosks. Peggy pointed out that we need to get residents used to going to the District website for information and Teri suggested that we ask Karen Dwyer to let people know it will be available and to go to the Website for information.

Cindy offered to help Steve get the lettering off the truck and can have that done by May 20th. We will advertise the availability of the truck for 30 days (from May 20 to June 20th), ask for sealed bids, require “earnest” money in the amount of \$250, add the language that “the District reserves the right to reject any or all bids” and set the minimum at \$ 1,500.

We will get a picture of the '94 pickup and add that no warranty is expressed or implied. Interested parties may contact Steve on his cell or home phone.

Steve reported that the fire house has sustained water damage due to both the placement of the station and the county's road design. Silt gets into the structure and we need to put in a retaining wall.

Peggy asked how fire training is going. Steve reported it is going well and there are a couple of engineer candidates.

The Board discussed various ideas for making the training more varied. These include one person to be available for contact and that can start the calling cycle. Steve was very clear that it can't be him since he can't pull over to take text messages. The bottom line is that people need to use the radios. They are the best way to communicate in an emergency.

The Board understands that in the era of texting and tweeting, people are more comfortable with those methods than with the radios. The Board discussed various ideas to make people feel more comfortable with asking questions at trainings (Steve invites people to call him at home. Peggy suggested volunteers be invited to write down the question and pass a hat so that Steve does not have to commit to answer questions one on one and all present can benefit from the questions and the answers).

Teri reported that there are no new volunteers and part of that might be the advertising posters for training. They seem to stress that people will be going into burning buildings. Teri and Pam suggested we get a picture of current fire fighters in gear, in front of the truck, inviting people to join to help the community. This might make it less “scary.”

Pam offered to attend the June 2nd training and take a picture. Betsy can then use these for the next round of advertising training.

Steve was asked when he thought fire season would begin and, depending on weather, not before the first week in June but maybe later.

BOARD MEETING TIMES

Due to tax season, we need to be able to hold the Jan, Feb and March meetings on Fridays so that our Treasurer can attend. People also like not having meetings on Friday evenings throughout the year. We also want to have regularly scheduled meetings so people are not confused about dates should they want to attend.

The Board meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month in all but January, February and March when they will be held on the second Friday of the month.

GRANTS

Pam reported that no grants are pending but that she and Steve applied for and received a grant from Lomakatsi for property clearing. Two neighboring properties also received grants making it a section with three contiguous properties that will be managed for sustainable growth and fire safety.

TRAIN

Peggy commented the the train is running during the day, late morning and early afternoon. While this is not a problem in current weather conditions it will be soon. Steve and representatives from Cal Fire and ODF will meet with the management of Roseburg lumber since they own the trains and contract with CORP to run them. The liability for fire rests with Roseburg and of course CRFD is very interested in the potential for this to create serious fire danger.

NEXT Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13th at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

There being no further business it was M/S/P (Warzyn/Haunschild) to adjourn at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Peggy Moore