

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 18, 2003**

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Peg Stewart, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Steve Avgeris, Andy Herskind, Lisa Buttrey, Sharron Halverson, Matt Damon.

ABSENT: Mary Jo Trainor

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Avgeris/Stewart) to approve the minutes of the March meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri handed out the treasurer's report in the new format. Teri has developed a form that will provide an itemized accounting of expenses and revenues. The state fund has \$3,690.29 and the tax account has \$18,577.73. We have spent \$45,000 of the FEMA grant to purchase the truck and provide CDF with about \$13,000 to begin work on converting it to an engine. There is about \$20,000 remaining and, in the event that CDF is unable to finish the truck by September 1st, we can apply for a 6 month extension.

Cheri reported that Art Trainor's letter was successful in the IRS waiving the \$1,400 late fee.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Board thanked budget committee members Lisa Buttrey, Matt Damon and Sharron Halverson for attending and the Board Chair apologized for the quick turn around time required. The committee needs to have the tentative budget ready for posting by May 1st.

In order to allow the committee more than a few days, the Board agreed to move the May meeting to May 30th. At that time, the budget will need to be approved, pending any public comment.

The projected revenue should be \$25,749 less 8% for revenues not collected making the revenue figure for 2003-04 about the same as the current year. The Board reviewed the budget with the committee. There was agreement by the Board that the direction we are heading, writing grants and pursuing additional funding is the only way we can begin to keep up with the needs of the District. This will mean that general funds must provide about a 10% match on all but private grants. The Board will either budget that from revenue or the ending balance. If that is insufficient the Board will need to borrow in order to leverage the dollars necessary to move the department forward.

Lisa mentioned that we should have structure gear as a grant priority for next year. In addition, she will contact her brother and other sources for used gear.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that CDF has not yet started on 44-13. Also, the crews that are cleaning up brush in the area are working hard and he is in contact with them daily.

CORRESPONDANCE

Peggy shared a letter from BLM and ODF on the monument. Steve has asked that it be placed on the agenda for May. Peggy also sent a letter to National Heating, thanking them for the donation of their time and labor for the new heater in station one and a letter to the county on the signage. Copies of these will be in the district files.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore