

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

January 17, 2003

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Peggy Moore, Peg Stewart, Teri Thomas, Mary Jo Trainor, Steve Avgeris, Andy Herskind, John Ames.

ABSENT: None

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

MINUTES:

It was M/S/P (Trainor/Avgeris) to approve the December 13th meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that the General Fund has \$101.79 and the tax fund has \$21,990.19. The loan from Joan Buttrey for the radios has been paid. All insurance, except workman's compensation, have [sic] been paid. The final bill for the tee shirts and sweatshirts is \$998.00. Peggy will send a check for \$50.00 from Stateline sales and Cheri will take some down to CDF for sale.

Cheri reported that the Board might want to look at a different accountant for the state forms. Teri suggested the firm she works with. Cheri will review the documents presented by the current accountant and compare work and price for next year.

SIGNAGE

The Board thanked John Ames for coming back to the Board with his proposal for signage. John presented a very complete and detailed proposal and asked that the Board formally adopt it. The salient discussion points were as follows:

- there is concern that the county may not be able to assign new addresses with only a map.
- the adherence by existing residents MUST be done on a voluntary basis.

John Ames has agreed to serve as the CRFD contact person with the county. A copy of the minutes will be forwarded by Cathy Cote at the Planning Department.

Steve reviewed for the Board the current practice with regard to naming roads. This does not affect residents who officially and legally have Colestin Road as their legal address. "Off" roads from the

main Colestin such as Nepal Rd., Goat Ranch Rd., and Spaulding Creek are not legal names. They are given to emergency response agencies in order that these agencies might respond to emergency calls. If a group of people wishes to legally change the name of the road they would need to work with the county for this to happen.

It was M/S/P (Trainor/Stewart) to approve the following policy: Addresses should increase smoothly and consistently along the road in the direction from the Ski Road toward Hilt.

An existing address should be changed only if it is out of sequence and a change is needed to allow others to fit a smooth sequence, and then only voluntarily.

Space for new addresses proportional to distance should be left in the sequence.

Odd numbers should be on the left, and even on the right as one proceeds along increasing addresses, though failure to meet this criterion is not necessarily a reason to change an existing address.

This information will also be sent out with the next newsletter.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that he received three calls since the last meeting. One was a possible structure fire, one a vehicle and one a person locked in a bedroom.

The structure fire was during the heavy snow and a downed tree hit a power line at 5 a.m. Cindy Warzin would like to put an article in the next newsletter to discuss ways these can be prevented. Trimming trees in power line areas is also essential.

The vehicle over the edge occurred in the same spot as it does every year. Steve has been in touch with Jackson County Public Works, requesting a guardrail in that spot. The department wants evidence that this is reoccurring. Steve will invite a representative to the March Board meeting. In the meantime, he will collect incidents, including dates, to present - in writing - to the department.

The snowmobile engine blew up since it has not been used. The District has received an offer of \$500 for the machine, less the cost of parts. The proposed owner will volunteer the machine when needed. It was M/S/P (Trainor/Avgeris) to sell the machine at that price.

Steve mentioned that he might have an offer of \$1,200 for 44-14. We will need to downsize some of our equipment because of newer equipment being purchased or donated and because of insurance costs. The Board discussed the possibility of waiting until a new truck is purchased. It was M/S/P (Thomas/Stewart) to wait a little longer.

The FEMA grant money can be drawn incrementally until September 1st. Each increment must be spent within thirty days of receipt of the money. If an engine is surplused it is not considered to be the property of another agency; however, due to the budget crisis in California, CDF is not surplusng engines this year.

Steve and Cheri have found four possibilities outside of the state. The Board agreed that if Tim Stewart were willing, we would pay his airfare and expenses to go down and check out an engine. The funds would come from the grant.

COPIER

Cheri mentioned that the copier is on its last legs. It was M/S/P (Stewart/Trainor) to purchase a small copier for the office and to bring the existing one to the church for trainings.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on February 21st at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore