

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

January 16, 2004

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Peg Stewart, Teri Thomas, Mary Jo Trainor, Steve Avgeris, Andy Herskind, Betsy Bradshaw.

ABSENT: Peggy Moore.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Stewart/Thomas) to approve the minutes with one correction. The audit date was wrong. Teri Thomas will provide the correct audit date in the near future.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that the general fund has \$10,645.92. The treasury account has \$24,850.51. A CORP check is on the way for \$7177.00 (Hilt gets a portion of). The FEP check is in the mail for \$11,000.00.

Teri will get the figures for our reserve balances, and the money it will take to run the Department from July1 – November 1. The board will decide what to do with the extra.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported a total of 63 calls for 2004. The record was 38. There have been 13 calls this year already.

Tunnel Fire – has burned clear through. It is a total loss with an estimated, \$6 - \$12 million to replace and an estimated, 4 months to 1 year to reopen.

Hornbrook has a new Fire Chief, board of directors, and department. Colestin was providing medical and fire protection. Now Colestin is just providing fire coverage. Engine 4411 is on loan to Hornbrook. Both of their structure engines failed the CDF inspection. Andy has provided some training.

Engine 2669 is on lease from CDF to Hilt.

Colestin and Hilt has a new rescue unit - #4441. It is a 1999 Astro van, all wheel drive, obtained from a lease return. The old Bronco (on loan from the government) will be returned to the Government or kept at Colestin.

Steve is presently making repairs to #4440. It has heating problems and a new radiator is on order. It needs an estimated \$700.00 - \$800.00 total in repairs.

Engine #4413 is progressing slowly. It is getting painted now. The snow slowed the progress.

TRAINING

Fire fighting training will start February 7 at 6:00 P.M. at the Hilt Church, every other Saturday. The training will be joint training with CDF and Hornbrook. Training will include 4 hours of Urban Wildland interface, moving to S130 and S190 Wildland training. It is extremely detailed and required by law.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee will be meeting with us on February 20. The committee will consist of Sharon Halvorson, Lisa Buttrey and Matt Damon.

The Board of Directors will be writing up a Financial Strategy Statement to give the Budget Committee an idea of our goals and what is needed to provide adequate fire protection and medical aide for the community.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 6:00 PM at the Hilt Church on February 20, 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Trainor