

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 21, 2005**

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Mary Jo Trainor, Steve Avgeris, Lisa Buttrey, Andy Herskind, Carole Herskind.

ABSENT: Peg Stewart

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

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Avgeris/Thomas) to approve the December minutes as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that we have \$5,998.97 in the checking account. This amount remains after paying \$2,686.50 for our insurance. The county fund has \$31,902.36 and we don't expect any significant bills.

Hillcrest Orchard donated \$1,000 towards the water tender. Judd Parsons has asked that CRFD consider, as its next project, a water storage tank on the Hillcrest property at the north end of the valley. The property has a creek, which can feed the tank. This project has been on our list.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that for the first time in his memory we had no calls in the last 30 days. This is unusual since the time frame spans the Christmas holidays.

44-13 (the new engine) is in service but not complete. CDF ran a test on it including driving it on the freeway and on dirt roads. It is in full compliance with state law. It pumps 552 gallons per minute through 1 1/2 inch hose. If we have 1 3/4 inch hose it would pump over 600 gallons. This is still more than the normal CDF engines pump.

Steve handed out the new Fire Safety Codes from the county and requested that they be put on the web site.

Training will begin in February, beginning with special training for engineers. Steve will provide Betsy with a list of dates which can be placed on the website.

John Ames has developed an amazing fire board that will help identify fires in the field. It was a very time consuming project and the result will assist CRFD in fighting fires in a big way.

Cheri will get Peggy Jim Douglas' address so she can invite him to the next meeting to discuss the hazards on upper Colestin.

FIRE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Lisa thanked Betsy for the letter that went out to all Hilt and Colestin residents, explaining the project. Peggy reminded the Board that Lisa and Betsy collaborated on it.

Lisa met with representatives from Jackson County and found out that Jackson County is just naming the steering committee members. They will begin making plans in June. Lisa informed the Board that Lomatechi would be writing the grant. This is good news as they have experience and are recognized by the grantors. Lisa and her committee will be working with Lin Bernhardt (County Economic and Special Development head) and Jeff Schwanke, who is now a private consultant, on the fire plan. They were impressed that a small volunteer department was as far along as we are. Representatives want to meet with the community and Lisa suggested that we have a meeting sometime around May 20th (which is the deadline for submitting the Fire Plan) and invite these folks.

She also informed the Board that Jackson County is NOT competing for a grant. They will develop a plan and we will use it to validate our plan. They will be gatekeepers for the money coming from the Federal Government. We need to stay in touch with Lin Bernhardt as we move along.

Finally, Jackson County is making a vegetation map (on a tax lot level), which will be a huge asset to CRFD. It is a year out for completion.

Steve and Lisa are working on bringing out people to help evaluate driveways and homes. This will probably happen in April, due to weather.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on February 18th at 6 p.m. at the Hilt Church. Hopefully we will have Jim Douglas in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore