

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
November 2, 2005**

**PRESENT:** Cheri Avgeris, Carolyn Brafford, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Mary Jo Trainor, Steve Avgeris, Andy Herskind.

**ABSENT:** None

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. at the Hilt Church.

**MINUTES**

Teri pointed out that Brian Dwyer's help with the signage was instrumental in moving the project forward. Brian provided all the road signs. The October minutes will reflect a thank you to Brian for all his work.

M/S/P (Avgeris/Brafford) to approve the October minutes as amended.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cheri provided budget information to the Board. The regular checking account has \$11,408.15, the savings account (intended for the water tender) has \$30,059.43 and the treasury account has \$207.71.

Cheri reported that she received a letter from Jackson County stating that our property tax levy should be \$30,565.63, which is about \$3,000 higher than last year.

Cheri reported that she installed Quick Books and it is much easier to use. Coupled with the rebate the cost was about \$100.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve reported that the new garage door opener has been installed and is working well. Everything fits as it should and there is additional clearance now for one of the engines.

CRFD had one vehicle fire, one mutual aid with Hornbrook and one accident (cancelled) since the last meeting.

We have 28 new pagers that are programmed and ready to be distributed to the volunteers. This represents about \$38,000. There are also 18 new portable radios. All of these are as a result of the Siskiyou County grant. In addition to these we will be getting a new base station but will keep the old one in case the new one has problems with range.

Steve reported that his work ends next week and he will be able to devote time to searching for a water tender.

Training will begin after the 1st of the year since doing it prior to that has caused a number of problems in the past. Steve will hold a couple of business meetings before the end of the year. One to train people on the new radios. All of the radios will be given property tags and volunteers will need to sign out for them.

Steve reported he has had some difficulty getting some of the materials issued back from volunteers. Peggy volunteered to send letters to those who don't return the District owned property. Since these have been purchased with public funds, individuals must comply with the requirement to turn them back.

44-12 is still at the Inn on the Ski Road. Steve will move it to Hilt since once the snow flies, it is inaccessible for responding.

Steve reported that when fire season goes into effect for 2006, he would be going to a duty roster system. Members of the Board who are also volunteers enthusiastically supported this move. He is also going to do "check backs" from pagers.

Teri and Peggy suggested that our volunteer application should include a question asking why the individual wants to volunteer and how much time they can spend. Teri further suggested that some people have particular times when they can't respond and these should be noted as well.

### **SKI ROAD**

Steve reported that the District 5 Board would need to approve a \$15,000 expenditure to re-survey the boundaries on the ski road this spring. If that occurs, it is likely that the annexation will occur at that time.

### **THANKS**

Steve thanked Carolyn Brafford for all her work on the garage doors and for covering the base station when Cheri is unable to. Having two dependable people trained on the base station is vital.

### **OTHER**

Carolyn mentioned the need to get the web site address out to the community since it has so much information about a variety of fire related things. Lisa has published it in the Buzz but Peggy will ask that she do that each time the Buzz comes out. Peggy suggested posting the address in a laminated sign on the fire indicator signs. Peggy will ask Betsy to make 6 signs which can be placed in the fire indicator slots, on the fire house door and at the two mail box areas. The signs should also have CRFD's phone number.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the Hilt Church

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore