

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 5, 2006**

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Carolyn Brafford, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Mary Jo Trainor, Steve Avgeris, Andy Herskind, Sharron Halverson, Karen Dwyer.

ABSENT: None

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri passed out copies of the budget and monthly expenditures to date. We have \$7,913.99 in the checking account, \$11,564.32 in the treasury account and \$7,806.91 in the water tender account.

SPECIAL ELECTION

Peggy reported that she spoke to Kathy Beckett's office and to get on the ballot for the November election we would need to file in July. The March election we would need to file in December.

BUDGET

Two members of the budget committee were present to report that they have received no comments from the public on the budget. Cheri has received no responses nor have any of the other Board members.

There being no further discussion, it was M/S/P (Thomas/Brafford) to adopt the budget as presented at the March meeting. This will constitute the final budget for 2006-07 and it will be sent to the state by May 31st.

The Board thanked Sharron, Lisa and Karen for their work on the budget. All agreed it has become a less time consuming task thanks to the streamlining that Teri provided and the monthly work that Cheri and Teri do on the financials.

PROPOSAL FROM US CELLULAR

Steve had distributed copies of the proposal to all board members prior to the meeting. In addition, members of the budget committee had the opportunity to review it as well since it certainly would impact the budget.

Sharron did a thorough investigation of particular points in the proposal and spoke to individuals who have contractual relationships with cell companies. Based on her research and questions

raised by other members of the budget committee and the Board, Peggy asked Steve to invite Bruce Parrott of US Cell to a meeting with the Board so that we could review some counter proposals with him. Peggy will develop a page outlining the issues the Board would like to see as a counter proposal, send it out to the Board and budget committee members, and - after any changes - provide this as a counter proposal to US Cell when they attend the meeting.

Steve called Bruce Parrott and invited him to a special meeting on April 19th at 6 p.m. at the Hilt Church for purposes of discussion of the proposal.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that the water tender is completed. The final bill is \$25,960. A Randco employee will drive the vehicle down with dealer permits. This is the least expensive way to get the vehicle here. Steve and Cheri will go to Longview Washington to inspect the vehicle before we take possession. The District will pay their gas to and from Longview.

Andy and Steve attended a mandatory training for all Fire Chiefs in Oregon with the State Fire Marshall's office. According to a new law passed in Oregon, all Fire Chiefs will be deputized as assistant fire marshals so that they can perform those functions due to budget constraints at the state level.

Steve reported that CRFD had seven calls since the last meeting. One structure fire, one wild land fire, one medical and four vehicle calls.

SKI ROAD UPDATE

Peggy contacted The Special Districts legal representative since the Jackson County Commissioners had requested CRFD, to send them a statement that CRFD would be unable to respond to the Ski Road and thus annexation should occur with Fire District 5. Peggy is uncomfortable with this since it is not true.

Thus, she contacted the District's legal representative and that individual concurred that CRFD should not sent such a letter. Peggy then contacted Sue Slack, the County Administrator, outlining our concerns. Ms. Slack suggested that the County's attorney get in touch with Special District's attorney and the two of them work out what would be legally acceptable to both parties.

We will await word from our attorney prior to sending anything to the Commissioners. This will delay the annexation but we cannot attest to false information.

AUXILIARY

Caroline requested that this be put on the May agenda.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be May 3rd at 6:00 at the Hilt Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore