

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 9, 2007**

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Carolyn Brafford, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Mary Jo Trainor, Steve Avgeris, Andy Herskind, Carole Herskind, Sharron Halvorson, Karen Dwyer, Tod Davies, CDF Personnel.

ABSENT: None

MINUTES

Cheri offered a correction to the February minutes. "Cheri typed the proposal, it was developed and submitted by Karen Dwyer and Tod Davies." With this correction it was M/S/P (Brafford, Avgeris) to approve the minutes as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that the General Fund has \$10,659.77, the County fund has \$32,842.96 and the Savings account has \$1,660.15. The vehicle maintenance budget is over by \$1,444.25

BUDGET

Sharron, who has chaired our budget committee for the past seven years, walked the Board through the proposed budget. The committee (Sharron, Karen and Lisa) made a couple of general recommendations: that we pay off the loan (as we have enough money to do so), which would eliminate the monthly payments and save interest. It would also allow us to budget for needed equipment. Teri recommended that we develop the budget with the loan amounts in the budget and review the status after July 1st. At that point we could pay off the loan and agree to focus that expenditure on equipment. The committee did not budget projected water tender income in the budget. The budget revenues reflect the movement of the Ski Road to District 5 for one half of the budget year.

Karen shared an update on the grants. ODF put in the fuel reduction grant - one for Colestin and one for Dead Indian Memorial Road. Cheri reported that we did not receive the RDA grant.

The budget should be posted on the web and posted in two physical places in the District by April 1st. Betsy will post it on the web after receiving a PDF file from Sharron and Sharron will post in on the fire station and on the top road.

The Board thanked the budget committee for the excellent work and look forward to a finalized tentative budget by April 1st.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we received no calls since the last meeting. The Water tender is in service and a separate training will be held for those four or five people who will be able to drive it. In the process of fixing it, Terry Lehman discovered the problem with the vehicle overheating. This will be addressed after fire season but care will be required when running the vehicle so as not to overheat it until it can be fixed. The Board will allocate revenue obtained from the water tender to fix the problems.

Steve received a response from Peggy's letter on the county road. Steve spoke to the staff and they will use a 3/4 minus/granite mix but it will take several years to fix what the last five years have done to the road. Steve commented that it is not only the material on the road but people's driving habits. He requested that something be put on the website about driving and in the Buzz.

Peggy will send a thank you letter to the road department.

Steve reported that pager tests are not happening on a regular basis. He believes this problem has been fixed and a test will happen this coming Thursday. He noted that if they were working a call, they wouldn't be testing.

They are working on the TAC frequency for both Siskiyou County Northern Ambulance and Ashland Fire/Rescue.

Finally, Steve reported that 2668 is still in "limbo." There is a new priority system with surplus equipment going first to other state agencies and then to counties. Alan Stovall and Bernie Paul are working hard to see if this engine can fall under the previous system of allocation since it was delayed through no fault of CRFD. If not, we'll need to develop a fall back position for another engine.

TRAINING

The training schedule has been sent out and posted on the website. The top priority will be first responder training with Engineer training second. Now that we have automatic aid with CDF this will be more critical. Third priority is engineer training with CDF. Steve said some people will be unwilling to attend both training and first responder and that he will leave that decision to the firefighters.

MEETINGS

Peggy informed the Board that her contract with Shasta College would end the end of April. The Board would like to continue holding meetings on Friday evenings. So future meetings will be the second Friday of the month.

25th Year Celebration

Peggy reminded the Board that this August would be our 25 year of operation. The Board tentatively agreed to have an informal B B Que at the Church for the community. The item will be discussed more fully at the April meeting.

SKI ROAD

Peggy shared with the Board that the issue of annexation of the Ski Road with District 5 is no longer an issue with the county but between the two entities. CRFD is encouraging the annexation before next winter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Friday, April 13th at 6 pm. at the Hilt Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore