

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
August 15, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Cheri Avgeris, Carolyn Brafford, Tod Davies, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Steve Avgeris, Andy Herskind, Carole Herskind, Alisa Lipking, Jeff Burns (Cal Fire), Jim Sweet (Cal Fire).

**ABSENT:** None

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm

**MINUTES**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cheri reported that the checking account has \$18,801.36, the Savings account has \$1,666.38 and the county fund has \$17,016.55.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve pointed out that Colestin had no calls since the last meeting but did respond to several automatic aid calls for Hilt. We are at Level 3 on the Oregon side for fire danger.

We have received the Cal Fire Engine (Brush 44) after about four years. We are delighted to have such a remarkable engine. It will cost about \$20,000 out of Siskiyou County Fire Warden funds from Hilt to completely outfit it. Hilt will be funding that project.

44-13 is back in the station in Colestin after being out on fires for the past several months. The engine earned \$39,648., most of which will go to Hilt.

Steve has been working with Pape Cat, getting prices on fixing the water tender so that it is more able to haul water more quickly than it has been. They estimate about \$16,500 to completely overhaul the tender for more efficiency. Steve will be getting further bids and consulting with other companies.

Steve reported that the generator is here and ready to be wired.

OSHA paid CRFD a visit and we received three minor citations. One is for a sign indicating the weight limit in the station, another for a personal mask and a third minor item. We have 90 days to comply and must send photos to OSHA. This will be done.

Cheri reported that we will receive a \$700 refund from our insurance carrier.

44-10 will move to the Oregon side as soon as Brush 44 comes back. Jim and Jeff reported that the county maintains insurance on the engine. The agreement with Cal Fire is that they may use the engine as needed. Details about cost of maintenance of the engine will need to be worked out. CRFD will be paying some, of course but if CAL FIRE uses it as well, maybe we can prorate the costs.

### **RAILROAD TIES**

Tod reported that the never ending quest for responsibility for the discarded railroad ties continues. She is in contact with their management who claim they will move it to the area Steve requested which is out of the District. When, however, remains the question.

Tod also reported that she received a letter from Matt Krunglevich indicating that the community will receive matching funds for brush cleaning.

### **FUNDRAISING**

Alisa mentioned that Stateline is in need of more hats and shirts for sale. It was M/S/P (Davis/Thomas) to use existing budget money to purchase them.

### **CELL PHONES**

Steve reported the US Cell has indicated that people can purchase digital bag phones in case reception becomes difficult when the analog service shuts down in November.

### **THANKS**

Peggy expressed CRFD's thanks and appreciation to CAL FIRE for the engine. Although it's been a long process, having the engine will make a huge difference to both Hilt and Colestin and the work that Bernie Paul, Jim Sweet and Jeff Burns did on this is much appreciated.

### **SAFETY MEETING**

Carolyn has scheduled a safety meeting for Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> immediately after the regular Board meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Hilt Church. We will have our insurance representative present as well as someone from US Cell. It was M/S/P (Brafford/Thomas) to adjourn the meeting at 7:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore

