

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 9, 2008**

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Carolyn Brafford, Tod Davies, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Steve Avgeris, Andy Herskind, Carole Herskind, Kathryn Brafford.

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that the County account has \$29,931.90, the Savings account has \$1,665.33 and the Checking account has \$8,057.94.

Cheri distributed the expenditure sheets to date and indicated that there are no major expenses outstanding.

BUDGET

The budget will be sun shined for the rest of May and early June. The Board will adopt the final budget at its June meeting on the 13th and Sharron will send the final budget to the state by June 30th.

Peggy will not be at the June meeting and will make arrangements to sign the final budget at Teri's office in time to be mailed by the June deadline.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that CRFD responded to one mutual aid since the last meeting. 44-40 is back in service, or will be by the end of the weekend.

Steve reported that at the last training, the appropriate fire fighting equipment was reviewed and handed out. We will need about \$1,800 to outfit the volunteers with turnouts, gloves and helmets. Given that our reserves exceed the amount budgeted it was M/S/P (Thomas/Davies) that we go over the remaining budget in protective clothing in the current budget to provide the necessary gear for active fire fighters.

Steve asked of the status of the budget for purchasing the generator. The Board agreed that the summer is a good time to get the generator since the prices should be better. Steve will come back with prices at the next meeting.

Steve reported that June 14th will be the final training for this season and that he will then move into Engineer training. Engine 44 is at Cal Fire in Ft. Jones and 44-10 is covering Hilt. Peggy mentioned that Doug Blanksted is back with Cal Fire and she will call him regarding the engine.

The county had started putting rock on upper Colestin but has reverted to gravel. The Board requested that Peggy write another letter to the road department, Jim Douglas and request a written response.

Tod mentioned that she noticed the railroad ties were gone. Steve and Bill Rooker loaded truckloads of them and put them in areas where they cannot affect the ground water. There are more lying around and Tod will call the railroad again.

DONATIONS TO OTHER AGENCIES

Peggy asked that the Board discuss its practice or policy on giving donations to other agencies requesting them. Recently CRFD was asked to donate to a fund in remembrance of the two Medford Fire fighters who died. The District sent a check, in lieu of flowers. The Board agreed when possible to discuss these requests at a Board meeting but Teri confirmed that the tax law allows us to donate to agencies or organizations that are non-profit. We would not make a habit of this but Medford Fire was very helpful to CRFD during the toxic spill in the Colestin.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Cheri mentioned that Chris Coats of the Tidings will be doing an interview with Steve and asked if any of the Board wished to participate. Everyone respectfully declined and encouraged Steve to focus on the volunteer nature of the District as well as fire safety.

Cheri asked that the District consider purchasing the computer she has been using for fire district business from her. She estimates that the value would be about \$400. Teri suggested that she speak with her computer people and see if it might be better to simply get a new computer that would do the district's business rather than continuing to use a computer that is five years old. This will be discussed at the June meeting.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Carolyn reported that the Safety Committee met at the close of last month's Board meeting to discuss a policy for driving engines. The committee provided the Board with a copy of the proposed policy and the Board accepted it. Tod will send Betsy a scanned copy for posting on the website.

There being no further business, it was M/S/P (Brafford/Davies) to adjourn the meeting at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy A. Moore