

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 10, 2010**

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris, Chuck Biegert, David Lipking.

ABSENT: Tod Davies

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm at the Hilt Church.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that we have \$16,634.48 in the checking account and \$19,238.47 in the Treasurer's account. We expect to receive a tax levy in the amount of \$36,911.61 during the year. Most of this is received after the November tax bills are returned. In 2009 our revenue was \$34,295.56

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we had one Wildland fire (cancelled on route) and one vehicle fire since the last meeting.

We are now "narrow banded" (except the Colestin frequency) Steve is pleased (but surprised) to report that the pagers, even the minitors, are working ok. Some radios and some portables in the fringe areas are not working. The fringe areas are defined as the low canyon areas or areas next to bluffs.

Cal Fire and Steve are still considering moving the Soda Mountain repeater to Politician hill. Cal Fire will do a test to see if this makes any significant difference.

During training, Steve will call in the minitor 5's and replace them with newer equipment.

The Fugas burn was successful but it did not burn as much of the material because it was too wet. The cost of the burn was, apparently, covered by a grant the Fugas family received.

Steve shared the bid from Cascade Fire for the "wish list" of equipment. The Board was pleased that because of the grant Tod applied for, and our match, we are able to get \$40,000 worth of equipment for 23,267.00. It was M/S/P (Thomas/Warzyn) to approve the spending of the money to purchase the equipment on the list.

Steve reported that the turnouts will be recycled and put to use with other volunteers once the new ones arrive.

Peggy asked when the trainings will start and Steve reported that will begin in January. He may hold one session between Thanksgiving and Christmas for volunteers to fill out paperwork so that in January, the actual training can occur.

Steve, Chuck and David all concur that the trainings this year will involve more hands on training than last year's sessions. Rotation between being in the field and in the classroom will occur and Steve will inform volunteers of this.

Steve is recommending that there be a once a week start up of all equipment (by the engineers on a rotating basis) so that there will be no problem with engines starting when needed.

Steve reported that we are close to maintenance time for the equipment. Terry Lehman will be hired to work on the equipment.

There will be a measuring session with Cascade Fire personnel for turn outs. There are seven volunteers who will need to be fitted. If Cascade does it and the turnout does not fit, Cascade must make good on it.

NEXT MEETING

Tod will be unable to attend the regularly scheduled December meeting because of work and Cindy will be out of town if we move the meeting to the first Friday in December. Cindy suggested that since Tod has had to miss several meetings because of work that we have it the first Friday and she'll miss.

The meeting will be held on Friday, December 3rd at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Thomas) to adjourn at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore