

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**April 20, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Pam Haunschild, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris

**ABSENT:** Alissa Lipking (ill)

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

**MINUTES**

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Haunschild) to approve the minutes of the March meeting as distributed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Teri reported that we have \$8,941 in our checking account and \$45,115 in the State Treasury account. These balances are reduced by the \$6,500 expense for the new (used) engine. The Board reviewed the balance sheet, the profit and loss statement and the bank account detail that Teri provided. She believes we are in good shape, certainly for the remainder of this year. We have about \$6,441 left in the budget to spend. The balance will be rolled over into the reserve and all radios and batteries have been paid for.

Steve reported that diesel fuel will go up almost \$2.00 a gallon the next time we have to purchase it.

Teri reported that all 24 volunteers on the roster have been reported for worker's compensation purposes.

**BUDGET**

The Board discussed the sunshine period for the tentative budget. Due to some state changes, the budget needed to be put on a different form and we just received that form from Sharron. We will sunshine it on Monday (April 23rd<sup>l</sup>) and it will need to remain posted until May 23rd<sup>l</sup>. Unless we wish to call a special board meeting, we need to review our options. Which are:

- a. We could tentatively approve the posted budget as is and if we receive any public comment that would require financial changes hold a special meeting to approve the final budget after May 23rd<sup>l</sup>.
- b. We could hold a special meeting after May 23rd<sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup>.

Given our history, we do not expect to receive public comment so it was M/S/P (Thomas/Warzyn) to approve the tentative budget and to consider it a final budget if no public

comments are forthcoming during the sunshine period. If comments are received; we will hold a special meeting.

Teri reported that this is the last time we will have to worry about different forms. The process is now “fixed” for the future.

### **NEW ENGINE**

At a recent meeting the Board gave the Chief the latitude to purchase a good used 4 wheel drive engine if one became available. Since these are rare finds, we could easily lose the opportunity to purchase the engine if we waited for a Board meeting. We approved an engine purchase under \$10,000 at the Chief’s discretion.

Steve found an engine, polled the Board members by phone, and got the go ahead to make the purchase. The Board simply wishes to formalize the purchase. It was M/S/P (Haunschild/Warzyn) to purchase the new rig.

Steve reported that the new engine is in Happy Camp being fixed at no cost to CRFD. He suggested we sell 44-12, and possibly use the proceeds to outfit the new engine. Cindy was thinking the same thing and voiced her support. If we put it under sealed bid and advertised it we might get a minimum of \$2,500. It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Thomas) to put together a bid package for 44-12 and use the proceeds to outfit the new engine.

### **SKI ROAD**

Pam has been working on this project. She handed out information on the project. She has contacted a number of people on the Ski road (about half) and they are in favor of proceeding with a plan to house an engine on the Ski Road. Pam confirmed that it could reduce insurance premiums. Steve reminded the Board that to go to a Class 8, we have to have a minimum of five people responding to a call.

Pam suggested both to the community and the Board, that we should pursue a matching grant as well. She suggested we identify a place for the structure and then hold a community meeting to answer questions, get ideas, and identify possible costs. Steve will do some research on structures which vary from a pre fab structure (the cheapest) to a “bricks and mortar” structure. Teri suggested a block structure which could save the District on both cooling and heating costs. Pam provided some feedback from some community members who didn’t want to “look at the structure” from their homes.

Steve will talk with the Stewarts, who have expressed some interest in helping us. They have the best piece of land to put it on for ease of response time, levelness of land and other qualities that we are looking for.

The Board thanked Pam for her work thus far and agreed with the plan of finding the land and then setting up a community meeting.

## **OUT OF DISTRICT RESPONSE**

Cindy raised the issue, in the past, about our out of District responses. Some fire departments charge for these. Steve said we don't have too many and that normally if people are billed, the insurance companies are the ones billed. He will check with District 5 for their schedule of rates for out of district responses and we might want to look at doing this. We need to be sure we are not creating more work than it would be worth if we adopted such a policy.

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

We received two calls since the last meeting. One was a structure fire on a new structure that did not have insurance and was a total loss. No one saw the fire. The second fire was a flu fire which extended into the attic and the building was saved.

Steve reminded the Board that the 1st responder training would be at the Church this weekend.

## **ISO LETTER**

Peggy shared a letter from the ISO that both she and Steve received. It stated that the last review placed the District in a 9/10 rating which is alarming. Steve contacted the ISO and is able to fix the problems they found which placed us in a 9/10. The ladders, the electric hand lights (4 needed and we have 2) are all in our possession. Our points, when these are corrected, will qualify us easily for a continued Class 9. Steve will take care of reporting this to the ISO and we should receive a letter back, amending our classification. The letter needs to go out within 30 days.

## **GRANTS**

Pam reported that we still don't have the application from Mary Helen but it is on the way.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Hilt Church at 6 pm.

It was M/S/P (Thomas, Haunschild) to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Peggy Moore