

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 10, 2012**

PRESENT: Pam Haunschild, Alissa Lipking, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris.

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 pm with all members present.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri emailed the financial information but also brought hard copies. We have \$8,672 in our checking account and \$37,396 in the Treasury account. People noted that we have more money in the accounts than at this time last year yet we have less revenue. The Chief spent about \$2,000 of the money generated by the sale of the truck on nozzles, hose and fittings for the new truck.

Teri reported that Special Districts requests the addresses of Board members which Teri provides. She believes this is how each of the Board members receives the monthly publication from Special Districts. Board members noted that that the publication does not really deal with issues pertinent to CRFD. Because Special Districts serves so many different size and type of Districts, the publication is more general. Teri suggested she provide Special Districts with our email addresses and that way we can receive the publication via that medium which is more ecological and can be read or not more easily. All Board members concurred. She also mentioned that we can get one free DVD on Board issues. After reviewing the list of available DVD's Pam suggested we select the one that deals with community meetings. Teri will request that.

Finally, Teri reported that she is about ready to hand off the financial information to Lisa. Teri has a PC and Lisa a Mac so it's taken some time to prepare the documents so they can be easily transferred to Lisa.

SKI ROAD FIRE STATION

Steve has not been able to meet with the Stewarts face to face since Tim is still off fighting fires. They are discussing the proposal to donate some of their land to the District. Steve did inform Peg that we are interested in ¼ to ½ an acre at the corner of the property which would make the rest of the property available for whatever they wished. Steve will meet with them as soon as Tim is able.

Pam prepared and distributed a draft of a survey that we can send out to residents on the Ski Road who will be most affected by constructing a fire station. The Board discussed it and commended Pam for the survey which provides important information, is easy to read and complete and should get us a general sense of the feeling of the residents in that area. Pam will make minor tweaks and send it out, via email with some hard copies posted on the bulletin board on the Ski Road for those not electronically “hooked up.”

Cindy suggested that although we don’t have to have a big discussion at the picnic it might be a good idea to at least mention that we are looking into the possibility of providing a station on the Ski Road for faster response time and because it will help people to gain a Class 9 ISO rating.

In the discussion, the Board learned that some residents are opposed to the station because they think it will bring property values down. The Board and Chief are unsure how that can be an issue since proximity to a fire station increases property value due to the safety opportunity it provides.

PICNIC

The picnic will be on September 23rd Sunday from noon to two at the Hilt Church. Karen Dwyer has agreed to provide blood pressure tests. Pam and Cindy will do the shopping at Costco .Cindy spoke with Frankie and Jeanie Marin who will again do the cooking. Sharron will take care of getting the date on the banners changed. Cindy will speak with Jerry at Shop n Kart to see if they’ll donate a case of corn again. Alissa volunteered David to speak with All Star Liquors about ice. Cindy confirmed that we have enough tee shirts.

KIOSK

Peggy reported that she met with Bob Copeland from Siskiyou County. He did some research and informed us that the County has a 40 foot easement – 20 feet on either side of the road, measured from the center of the road. The land beyond that is Fruit Growers. If we build the kiosk in the pickle and it falls within the 20 feet county easement we’ll need to work with the county on some kind of legal paperwork. The details on that will be provided once we confirm whether it is on public or private land. Betsy will measure and we’ll proceed from there. If it is on Fruit Grower’s land, Steve will speak to them about getting written permission to put the kiosk on their land. Betsy will provide Brian Dwyer with a sketch of what is requested to see if he’s interested in doing the job.

CHIEF’S REPORT

Steve reported that we received three calls since the last meeting. One medical and two vegetation fires. All were mutual aid calls.

The engine was picked up and paid for and Teri handled the change in insurance.

44-12 is in service on the Ski Road. \$1,325 has been spent on hose for the new truck to date. The Board reminded itself that the money from the sale of the truck has been earmarked for outfitting

the new truck. Given the rise in costs for truck equipment, we will need to go over budget to buy the essential items needed for the truck to be legally equipped.

GRANT

Steve passed out copies of the approved grant from the Forest Service. It is a \$10,000 grant with a required \$10,000 match. Pam discussed some of the items in the grant. The Board thanked Pam for her work on this project.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Peggy mentioned that her understanding is that Oregon US Senator Jeff Merkley is one of the co sponsors of a bill that will authorize the Railroad to open up service on the line running through our district. Federal money has been allocated for this project. Steve reported that the condition of the tracks will require a great deal of money to restore and make ready for rail traffic.

Peggy suggested that the Board discuss any concerns we have regarding the railroad, given our past history with the various companies providing rail service. Primarily it involves fire danger, time of running, equipment that needs to be carried on the trains and other safety concerns. She suggested that contacting Merkley's office about these concerns while the bill is under discussion would be a proactive and probably safer way to handle issues than after the fact when the bill is passed. She will contact Merkley's office to find out the process to comment and it will be on the Board agenda at the September meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is Friday, September 14th at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Lipking/Warzyn) to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore