

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES – January 13, 2012**

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

**ABSENT:** None

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm

**MINUTES**

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

**APPOINTMENT**

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Haunschild) to appoint Alissa Lipking to complete Tod Davies' term on the Board.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Teri distributed the financial information. We have \$6,946 in the checking account and \$42,798 in the State Treasury fund. The insurance for the year is paid (\$3,977), which, she pointed out, is \$223 less than we budgeted. All of the purchases to be covered by the grant have been expended before December 31<sup>st</sup> and Cindy and Teri sent the required documents to the granting agency. We should be receiving the remainder of the funds in the near future.

Teri commented that the financials include payment from Cal Fire for use of the water tender. The Board thanked Assistant Chief Lipking for responding to the call with the water tender and earning us the income.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve reported that we received two calls since the December meeting. One was an escaped control burn and the other was a vehicle call. CRFD responded to 25 calls in 2011 which was a few more than 2010 but it was still a fairly quiet year. The majority of the calls are out of district.

Steve reported that training will begin next Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Betsy sent cards to all residents in the valley. There will be a First Responder recertification course at the Hilt Church on March 10 and 11 and April 21 and 22 (weekends) offered through College of the Siskiyous and instructor Amy Stacher. There is a \$500 cost. Karen Dwyer is working with the College on the fees. Peggy reminded the Board that normally the per unit fee has been waived for emergency agencies in the past. Steve will remind Karen to check.

44-13 is out of service and Cal Fire's station at Hornbook will experience a "brown out," that is, it will close on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> due to lack of personnel and budget constraints.

Steve asked Cindy to report on the status of the new generator. She stated that it is in the station but has not been hooked up yet. It's quite heavy.

Steve is planning on meeting with the two Assistant Chiefs monthly to work on the issue of non-responses. Most of the non-responses occur with medicals.

### **HILT/COLESTIN MERGER**

Alissa and Pam were absent when Bernie Paul presented the proposal for dealing with the Hilt Hose Company. Teri recapped what we understand the proposal to be. Most of us are still unclear with respect to particular details and discussion followed about what the pros and cons are to this plan. It is clear this is the plan the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors wants to adopt to solve the problem of small districts in Siskiyou County which are having trouble remaining viable. The CSA 4 (named so because there are currently four small districts involved) could eventually be CSA 8 since there are four additional districts that might join, including Hilt. The benefit of such a group is being able to leverage purchasing equipment and the relationship with Cal Fire. There are still some unknowns and the Board wants to invite Chief Paul and Chief Callison to discuss this further in February.

### **GRANTS**

Since Pam has graciously agreed to take on grants, Cindy will email Pam the final VFA grant for her files. Pam has some additional information about potential grants. As the Chief develops his "wish list for equipment," we will be able to see if grants might be available to fund such purchases.

### **FUTURE BOARD AGENDAS**

Members of the budget committee will attend the February meeting to receive Board input on the 2012-13 budget and the Chief's "wish list." This should be fairly brief since the committee is very experienced in the budgeting at this point and not much will change from the current budget expenditures. The February meeting will be devoted to the discussion of the CSA 4 proposal.

The March meeting will be a short presentation from the budget committee of the proposed budget, an opportunity to take questions from the Board and the majority of the meeting will be devoted to a discussion with Nancy Ames and Howard about the wilderness area and the Monument.

The April meeting will include the adoption of the preliminary budget, allowing it to be posted for 30 days for public comment and the May meeting will include the adoption of the final budget to be submitted to the state.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Lipking) to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore