

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

**February 8, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Pam Haunschild, Alissa Lipking, Peggy Moore, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris, Lisa Buttrey, Karen Dwyer, Sharron Halvorson, David Lipking.

**ABSENT:** Teri Thomas (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 on February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Hilt Church.

**MINUTES**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Teri emailed the financials to the Board. She wanted the Board to know that \$2,000 of the maintenance budget was for painting for the new truck. More discussion on this item will occur next month.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Peggy thanked the budget committee (Sharron, Karen and Lisa) who were all present, for agreeing to serve once again and commented that their combined knowledge made for a smooth process. Sharron reported that we will have \$400 less in revenue this coming year due to the taxes collected.

The committee and the Board reviewed the Chief's wish list, which included, in order 1) \$3,875 for Engine 4412 (100 feet of inch and a half hose, LED work light, rescue rope. 2) Replace rescue 4441 (\$10,000) and 3) expand station 1 (\$ 25,000)

Steve commented that if we don't have more volunteers we won't move forward on replacing the rescue unit. We would put boxes on 44-10 and turn it into both a rescue rig and a response vehicle. Or, we could sell 4410 and the Hilt rescue and purchase one unit like a smaller pumper with boxes for medical. This might be the way to go. Obviously we won't have the money to expand the station but we need to keep it on the list.

Radios and pagers are probably ok for this coming year. We will be receiving gear back from folks not continuing to volunteer. The cost of outfitting a volunteer is about \$ 5,000.

The budget committee is on schedule to provide the Board with a recommended tentative budget in April for approval with a sunshine in the rest of April and early May and a final budget at the May meeting for submission the first of June.

## **FIRE HOUSE**

Pam and Cindy met with representatives from the County and found out that due to the zoning of the Stewarts' property it cannot be donated but must be leased. The property is "not splittable" so leasing is the only option. They explained that to start the application process there is a pre-application process which involves public notice to individuals in the area as well as fire entities. To initiate the pre-application process we must pay \$800. There are four levels in terms of approval with four being the most difficult. Our proposal is a level three.

The following steps will need to be completed before we submit a pre-application and pay \$800. 1) Talk with the Stewarts to see if they are willing to lease. We would ask for a 99 year lease and all four owners must sign off. 2) Tim and Peg as the owners must get the power issue to the property settled. It must be the owner contacting PPL. Steve will follow up with Tim. 3) the specifics of what the structure must have must be outlined so that we can provide an approximate cost. Steve can do this. It would involve square footage, cement floor, electrical, siding, materials. It should be two bays.

These criteria should be met by March 8<sup>th</sup> for discussion at the meeting and we can decide if it's a go or no go.

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve reported that there was one vehicle accident and CRFD was turned back and one TC on lower Colestin since the last meeting.

Steve was contacted by the State Fire Marshall's Office about joining the class action law suit against the ISO for ratings. Many fire districts suffered serious downgrades in rating. We did not. Steve has declined to participate since we were not impacted by the issues some other districts had with the ISO. The Board concurred with Steve's decision.

Training begins in mid March. Steve is waiting on CAL Fire for the dates.

There are two board seats up for elections in May. Both are four year terms. Peggy's and Pam's seats are up. The Board suggested we send "red" cards to the community announcing there are two seats up since although it is listed on the website and in the Ashland paper, some residents are apparently not aware of the election.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Cindy reported that the T shirts and sweatshirts are here. The cost of a t shirts is \$ 12.50 and the cost of a sweatshirt is \$23.00. We agreed to sell the t shirts for \$ 15.00 and the sweatshirts for \$25.

Sharron reported that it is alright for EMRs not to wear full turnouts for medical responses, except on the freeway. Turnouts are difficult to work in so this is good news. She asked if we

could provide the typical EMR windbreakers instead so that EMR's are identifiable as required by law. She will ask Michael to get some prices and we can decide at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the Hilt Church.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore