

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

July 8, 2014

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

ABSENT: None

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

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri handed out the financial documents for review. We have \$8,259.93 in the Checking account and \$40,166.28 in the State Treasury account. Teri noted that we had to dip into our reserves to purchase the Cat. We will be receiving \$10,000 in grant money which will replace the bulk of the reserves. We show a negative balance in the reserve of \$13,683. Teri noted that we have \$6,000 more in the reserves than was budgeted.

GOVERNANCE POLICY

The Board reviewed, discussed and modified the Governance policy shared with us by Special Districts. Teri revised the document to reflect changes specific to our District and then provided the revised document to the Board for review.

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Lipking) to accept the Governance responsibility policy as recommended by Special Districts and the appropriate local changes.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we had five calls since the last meeting. Three were medical in nature, one was a vehicle situation (brake fire) and the fifth was illegal fireworks. Steve gave the offender using fireworks a warning. That is the usual practice in Oregon. The individual was warned that a second violation would result in a citation and the person would be responsible for any fire suppression costs or damage costs.

Steve reported that Brush 4 is on loan to Cal Fire. Brush 44 is not owned by CRFD therefore we receive no revenue from it.

Steve suggested that we invite Darrell Laws to a meeting to hear some of our concerns. The Board agreed and Steve will invite him.

Steve signed contracts with Klamath National Forest. It provides Steve, as Chief, with the authority at a fire until the ranking officer from the Forest Service arrives on site. While this establishes a responsible party at the fire site, its downside is that Steve cannot leave the scene until the ranking officer from the Forest Service arrives.

Peggy asked about the illegal fireworks situation. Steve suggested that for next year we get signs that say "No fireworks. No exceptions." This was suggested by other fire agencies. There was some discussion about whether a warning was enough in a serious fire year.

The new radio technician for Cal Fire and John Ames are working on the equipment. They will be reprogramming all radios. It will be completed by next month.

PICNIC UPDATE

Karen asked whether she should provide the community health table at the picnic which will provide blood pressure information and other pertinent items. The Board enthusiastically asked Cindy to get back to Karen and thank her for agreeing to do this again.

The Mariners have offered to cook again this year. Alissa will get ice and bring the veggie grill. Teri will bring the garbage cans and Cindy will shop and either borrow Sharron's table cloths or purchase some inexpensive ones. The date is September 14th.

GRANTS

Pam had nothing to report. We are awaiting the check for the grant.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 12th at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Lipking) to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore