

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
February 10, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Pam Haunschild, Alissa Lipking, Peggy Moore, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris, Sharron Halvorson.

**ABSENT:** Teri Thomas (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm at the Hilt Church.

**MINUTES**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Teri emailed the report to the Board members. She pointed out in her note that we are \$1,227 over in expenditures for the radio repair. Pam pointed out we are \$2,000 richer in levy income.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Sharron was present for the Budget Committee and Steve passed out the "wish list,." Plus new radios and fire curtains, (details below. All of the items were originally in the wish list for the last budget cycle but purchasing the cat pushed them to this year to fund. Pam advised the Board that we would probably be eligible for the match grant of \$10,000 and items on the wish list and the radios would constitute our \$10,000 match.

Sharron will review the current budget with the other two members of the Budget Committee and trim areas that are under spent in the budget and try and find ways to include the wish list in the proposed budget.

Steve passed out the new radio bid of \$4,332.00. He commented that it includes the 10% discount for volunteer departments and that the price was a very reasonable one.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve reported we had one medical since the last meeting.

He also reported that we will have elections for two Board positions (Teri and Cindy) and possibly Alissa's position. Steve returned the paperwork to Donna Connors at the Elections office. She will get back to Steve. An announcement will be posted on our website and Steve asked if Betsy can post the information both in Hilt by the mailboxes and in the Kiosk on the top road.

Steve announced training sessions. They will begin March 20 at 6 pm and the first six have been scheduled.

Steve reported that the Kenwood radios are out of warranty and are not working. To fix them would cost about \$500 per radio and they must be fixed at the factory. The Board discussed options. Steve will be checking with other volunteer departments in California since they all purchased them through the Fire warden grant in Siskiyou County. Steve also informed the Board that Cal Fire has the radios and they have in house help to fix them. They purchased the 45 watt radios and we (and smaller, more rural districts purchased the 100 watt radios.) It may be that the 100 watt radios, which are having problems, are failing and the 45 watts are not.

Because the cost of repairing these radios will put us over budget, we might have to wait until the new budget year (July) to take care of this. The Board discussed the problem with this because we will already be in fire season – without workable radios. It was M/S/P (Haunschild/Warzyn) to allocate money from reserves to fixing the radios and returning them prior to fire season.

Cindy reported that Drew began the process for the fire curtains in September. The price includes the discount for volunteer departments and is \$2,860. Steve pointed out that two headsets (\$330 each) will be needed for the cat operator and the person following the operator.

Cindy reminded the Board that we discussed budgeting for protective clothing in this cycle. Sharron took note.

Steve reported that the old shelters will be “recycled” and be deployed for cat operators to carry on the machinery so that if they do not have time to get off and set up the new shelters, they will at least have protection.

The cat operators will undergo the VIPER class for training. There are six operators Christopher, Terry, Drew, Poncho, Steve and David. Steve’s dozer will be deployed as back up. In the event the District’s cat is moving on a fire, the low bed will return, load Steve’s cat, and bring it to the fire.

### **RETIREMENT PARTY**

Pam has checked on the Caldera facility. They can do pizza, off to the side but not a separate room. It would be a no host bar and CRFD will buy the pizza. There was discussion about who should be invited. Those who served last year as volunteers, the Stewarts and the Board . Pam will check with Chuck to see if March works (except March 20<sup>th</sup>) and we’ll set a date.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Lipking/Warzyn) to adjourn at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted

Peggy Moore