

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 12, 2015**

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 at the Hilt Church. A quorum was established.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri emailed the minutes and also provided hard copies. We have \$6,504.57 in the checking account and \$59,158 in the Treasury account. The fire curtains, radios and the hose were paid for and we will be reimbursed by the grant as these are grant expenses.

The only major bill outstanding is worker's comp. Teri will do the compensation reimbursement for Fire Fighters by July 1st to fall into the current budget year.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we've had two calls since the last meeting. One was a big rig fire and the other an escaped controlled burn.

Cal Fire is moving to an annual automatic aid agreement. Currently we are under a multiyear contract, which is preferred.

Steve also reported that he signed the contracts with Klamath National Forest. They have a lot of property inside our District boundaries. We will still be responsible for initial attack (as we have been for years now) and Steve is the incident commander until KNF arrives.

We will be paid for all District equipment used on federal fires (except the first two hours).

44-12 is back in service on the Ski Road. 44-10 is at the Lipkings. Brush 44 is in for repairs for about two weeks. We don't pay for repairs for Brush 44.

Steve is having difficulty getting the trainer up here from KNF to do the Viper program for dozer operators. Steve will be conducting training for our operators on the new dozer because the training can't wait.

Brian Ballou from ODF is discussing the upcoming fire season with Chiefs. It will be extremely dangerous in the second half of fire season this year. Exposure is everything. Steve will be sending a volunteer out in a truck every day. People seeing a person in uniform and in a rig are reminded of fire season and it tends to be noticed. This will help.

Pam asked how training is going. Steve reported it is going very well. The new volunteers are still engaged. Our fire fighters have about 90% of the necessary gear. There has been a run of gear at Cascade. Even private citizens are buying gear. Fire Departments get served first, however.

PICNIC

Cindy reported that the picnic will be on the second Sunday in September. We agreed to try and schedule it the same time each year as it's easier for people to remember.

Cindy will be ordering more shirts. We are currently low. Pam has offered to design a new shirt for this year. It was suggested that we also order hats. Pam will have a design by the next meeting. She will also check out different printers. She thinks we can find one who does cleaner designs.

The Board was in agreement that we have lighter colors for summer. Cindy suggested light green.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Teri reminded the Board that we need a sign saying No Fire Works. It should be the same size as the other signs in the Valley that are connected with us. Peggy suggested we say All Fire Works Prohibited. This will announce that fireworks are banned and people cannot claim they didn't know. Steve thanked Teri for remembering early enough for it to make a difference.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on Tuesday, June 9th at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Lipking) to adjourn at 6:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore