

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 12, 2018**

PRESENT: Tod Davies, Pam Haunschild, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris, Betsy Bradshaw.

ABSENT: None

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

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri distributed the financial information. We have \$ 4,611.90 in the checking account and \$ 120,839.35 in the treasury account. The large balance is because all tax money is sent to us in a lump sum. Teri will be transferring funds out of the interest bearing account and into checking as needed. We have \$8,777 more than budgeted in revenue. The multi peril package has been paid and the only other large expense is worker's comp which comes due towards the end of the fiscal year.

Teri thanked both Cindy and Lisa who facilitate signed checks and other duties, making her job more manageable.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

We will need to appoint a budget committee. The Board recommended inviting last year's committee to serve if they are willing. They have the process down so well. Peggy will contact them. The committee will meet with the Board in February to get the Chief's wish list and put together a budget based on the Board and Chief's recommendations. In March they will return with a tentative budget. In April they will present a preliminary budget which will be "sunshined" in the community for comment. In May the Board will approve a final budget, including any suggestions or recommendations made by community members. The budget will then be sent to Salem.

It was M/S/ (Moore/Davies) to invite Sharron, Lisa and Karen to serve as the committee.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we received four calls since the December meeting. One traffic collision, two medical and one possible structure fire (in Hornbrook). A total of 29 calls were logged in 2017 but Steve reported that some volunteers did not turn in reports. He will contact them and revise these numbers.

Steve has contacted the owners of the water tank we are interested in purchasing. It's a 10,000 gallon tank and the price was \$7,000 which includes costs of retrieving it from Merced and a volunteer fire department discount. Prices have gone up so Steve will confirm the written price of \$ 7,000 he received. It will need to come up on a low bed and will reside on the property adjacent to the fire house in the

middle of the Valley. There is a continual water flow, making it easy to transfer water to the truck. Steve will need to do trenching and a variety of other tasks to get everything ready to put it in service.

The plan is to put another one on the Ski road next year.

Elizabeth Fugas has contacted Steve and offered to assist the Board with tasks. The Board asked Peggy to write a note to her, thanking her for her offer.

Steve reported that the CDC has contacted fire departments with medical services about the serious flu conditions in the country. People, especially young children, are dying from it. Steve will inform first responders about the need for extra safety precautions when responding to a medical call involving potential flu issues. The CDC also announced that a stronger flu vaccine is being developed that is 100% effective but it will not be available for several years.

FUTURE VOLUNTEERS

Steve believes the past volunteers will mostly be volunteering again. However, we remain in need to younger volunteers as our average age is now over 60. The Board discussed possible future solutions to help provide coverage in the Valley. One possibility is hiring a full time or part time fire fighter who would be available during hours most volunteers are out of the Valley. This would be M-F during the day.

Peggy suggested that going to the COS academy might provide a base of paid volunteers if we didn't have housing needs. This has been discussed in the past but money was less available and housing them was a need.

Steve suggested that we look at potential costs and check with other departments who are having the same issues with coverage.

GRANTS

Steve informed the Board that we will have a new person in Salem assigned to our grant needs. Pam will make contact once that person is identified.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Friday, Feb. 9th at 6 pm. The budget committee will all be invited to attend.

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Davies) to adjourn at 6:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore