

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

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

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm and a quorum was established.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P(Davies/Thomas) to approve the minutes as sent.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Teri sent the documents prior to the meeting and also provided copies. We have \$5,575.29 in the checking account and \$ 111,182.46 in the Treasury account. Most people have sent the entire amount of tax due so this represents most of our income for the year. The volunteer reimbursement checks have been paid. Teri reminded Steve that we have until the 30th to use money required for various matches for this fiscal year.

CHIEF’S REPORT

Steve reported that we had one medical and one vegetation fire since the last meeting.

We received approval for the grant in the amount of \$10,000 which will need to be matched.

Steve reported that the tank is here and full of 10,000 gallons of water. The plumbing and pipes still need to be attached.

Steve reported that there was an accident at Station One. The door was damaged and needed replacement at a cost of \$300.

Fire season began June 1st.

There will be a “border” meeting with Cal Fire and ODF on July 2nd. Steve will be bringing up the train issues.

Steve reported that there was a fire on Bailey Hill, started by the train. The train was stopped at mile marker 6. Five law enforcement agents and Steve performed a two hour inspection. Three acres were burned. The second locomotive was a non turbo.

The inspection revealed serious violations including some of the brakes that were metal on metal. Steve reminded the Board that the problem does not occur going uphill, but downhill.

The Board had questions including who owns CORP (a company in Texas bought it.)

Steve’s plan is to meet with the state agencies at the border meeting and then one on one with Corp management. They need to put spark arresters on. They need to run at night.

Tod offered to contact the Tidings to see if they will assign a reporter to write an article alerting the public of the danger to the Valley but also to Ashland if the train continues to run in peak hours of heat. The train needs to run after midnight.

SKI ROAD ANNEXATION TO DISTRICT 5

Steve met with three folks on the Ski Road who are leading the annexation effort. The reason people wanted to annex is that they thought they would have a paid, professional fire response team and that their insurance might be reduced.

In fact the opposite is true. If they went with District 5 they would be outside of the 5 mile rule and thus go to a Class 10 (no insurance). Other reasons the annexation is now a dead issue.

- District 5 Board's is very unlikely to agree to put a substation up here and to incur the expenses of an annexation which far outweighs the revenue that would be generated.
- Not all residents of the Ski Road have been contacted and not all are in favor of an annexation.
- The idea was to fact find first, which was not done.

The idea was presented by a few people on the Ski Road but the facts were not researched and the affected parties not contacted. The issue is now moot.

TRAINING

Steve reported that training is going well. There are a couple of new firefighters. Steve will hold training throughout the summer. Teri Thomas is now training others for water tender work. She is the lead water tender operator.

PICNIC

Cindy reported nothing new on the picnic. Advertising will occur closer to the date. It will be held at the Hilt Church on Sunday, Sept. 23rd from 12-2.

GRANTS

We have received the \$10,000 grant and have adequate items to provide the match.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 10th at 6 pm at the Hilt Church

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Davies) to adjourn at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore