

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 8, 2018**

PRESENT: Tod Davies, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris, Lisa Buttrey

ABSENT: Pam Haunschild (excused)

The meeting came to order at 6:05 pm and a quorum was established.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri sent a copy of the financial statements and provided copies to the Board. We have \$9,051.06 in the checking account and \$ 111,500.02 in the Treasury account. This includes the recent grant money.

We have \$ 28,000 more than last year at this time of which \$ 10,000 is the grant. \$ 6,000 represents the sale of the old equipment.

Steve mentioned that \$15,000 will be paid for the slip in on the truck.

Teri will be paying the fire fighter stipends this month. And worker's comp, which is always substantial, is still due.

Teri reported that the policy we need to write and adopt this year is for facility maintenance. Teri will develop a draft for Board approval. This will result in a 2% savings on our insurance.

BUDGET

Lisa presented the final budget for the Board to pass. The sunshine requirements have been met, we have had no public feedback or questions and the tentative budget is ready to approve as the final budget for 2018-19.

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Davies) to approve the tentative budget as the final budget for this fiscal year, beginning July 1st.

Betsy will remove the preliminary budget documents on the kiosks and Lisa will send Betsy the final document for posting on the website.

The Board thanked Lisa, Sharron and Karen for all their work on the budget.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we had three calls since the last meeting – all vehicle fires.

Steve reported that Taylor Wilkerson, from ODF, has requested that two engines be put into service with one person each prior to fire season. He has requested that CRFD provide a second person (as required by law) if either engine is called out to an incident.

Steve reported that 12 people were present for the first training last Friday. Six of those are volunteers who respond and six are not. Steve asked that people NOT sign up if they are not intending to respond to calls.

Steve reported that training this year will be “going back to basics”. There has been interest among the fire fighters to “practice” what they have learned. Several people report some concern about going out because they have not done the jobs often enough and don't feel secure. Steve informed the Board that no engine will go out with only one firefighter on board.

Lisa and Teri, who are fire fighters, echoed their appreciation for this kind of approach to training. This coming Friday the training will focus on basic medical. Steve intends to pair up one person who has some training in the area of the week with someone who has not.

We had no new fire fighters sign up and we have lost a couple.

GREEN CARDS

Betsy inquired about sending out green cards. Steve and the Board would like cards to go out. There will be a short sentence inviting new people to join the trainings and the cards will focus on preparing for fire season.

SKI ROAD

Steve reported that several residents on the Ski Road are requesting the approval to annex with District 5. Steve said they made some strong arguments, Steve's position, as Chief, is that it is time for them to annex into District 5. We have very few fire fighters on the Ski Road and particularly in the winter, it will be a long response time for an engine to get to the Ski Road. In addition, with proposed year round activities, there are more traffic accidents on the Ski Road and we are not equipped, in terms of person power, to respond to the potential number of calls that will be increasing.

Peggy asked that to do due diligence to the residents of the District we should understand the “cost vs. benefit” issues involved in losing revenue because of annexation. Lisa has offered, as Budget Committee Chair, to provide the Board with a number of the revenue lost by the annexation proposal. Steve suggested that the resources spent might be more difficult to come up with.

We have been fortunate with grants and match grants to CRFD to be able to handle the equipment side of our budget well. Where we are hurting are the human resources. Steve believes that the loss of the revenue is outweighed by the considerably less responsibility not having the Ski Road in our District but at the June meeting we should have the specific information to allow the Board to make a decision. Pam will also be at the meeting and as the Board member from that area, it is important that she be here for the discussion and the decision.

The process, if the Board agrees, is to write a letter to the Chief of District 5 (Charles Hanley) informing him that CRFD supports the annexation. This would be the residents on the ski road and any attached property. Peggy will call Chief Hanley to find out the specifics needed in the letter. The Board suggested Steve explain to the residents who are leading this effort that the Board will take action in June but that currently, the Board is looking favorably at the proposal.

PICNIC

Cindy reported that she is back in the third week in September so we should hold the picnic the third Sunday (Sept 23rd). Teri may be away until that afternoon.

GRANTS

Pam reported via email that there is no update on grants.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Tod asked about buying the engine from California. Steve responded that California is in disarray due to the fires and associated law suits with them. We have until October 6, 2019 to spend the money. When this happens, 445-13 will be sold. It would take about \$30,000 to bring it up to code.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 12th at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Davies/Warzyn) to adjourn at 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore