

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**November 13, 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 and a quorum was established.

**MINUTES**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Teri provided the financial documents for the month. We have \$13,460.41 in the checking account and \$107,840.30 in the Treasury account. This includes the full amount of tax money for the coming year. The value of property in the valley is 24,926,155.

Teri has paid the \$15,000 for the slip in for the Chief's pick up. It is due to be put in place on Friday.

**INSURANCE**

Teri passed out a Preventive Maintenance Policy provided by our Insurance Company. They provide Districts with sample policies, if needed. Teri drafted a policy and it was M/S/P (Davies/Warzyn) to approve the policy. Completing these policies results in a 2% rebate on our insurance for the year. Thanks to Teri for providing this service every year.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

It has been busy since the last meeting. We received six calls (two vegetation fires, one vehicle and 3 medical calls). A 13 acre fire was started by a transient which the winds took up and it went from a small warming fire to 13 acres. CRFD was assisted by ODF and other departments and the fire is under control but it could have been a disaster.

One of the medical calls resulted in the emergence again of the Fairchild Hospital vs. Rogue Valley in an ambulance call. Steve stopped the bickering by ruling that the ambulance would go to Rogue Valley, the preference of the patient. This can be an ongoing issue for residents on the California (Hilt side) and needs to be addressed.

The Board thanked the Chief for his foresight in prohibiting burning despite the fact that fire season was called by ODF. Steve reminded the Board that a District has the right to exceed minimum restrictions but not lessen them. While we cannot heed the ODF call to end fire season, we can increase individual limitations such as open burning. Steve will not permit open burning until we have at least 1/2 inch of rain.

The water pump is here and Steve and Drew will install it once the rains come. They do not want to take the water tender out of service prior to safe conditions which would be necessary to install the pump.

Steve will be receiving a visit from the ISO tomorrow. The hope is that we will qualify for an 8 B level for insurance purposes. This would be a huge savings on fire insurance and continue to protect Valley residents in keeping insurance. One of the deterrents to becoming an 8 B insurance risk is that the ISO doesn't recognize Cal Fire as a Fire District and they provide many of the ingredients necessary for an 8B rating. Cal Fire personnel are trained in structure fire techniques and recognized in other areas of the country.

### **COMMUNICATON/SIGNAGE**

The Board discussed ways to better quickly communicate with Valley residents. While it is the responsibility of people to be aware of things like fire restrictions, etc ( ignorance is not an excuse for not following the rules ) we want to make several avenues available to residents. Signage needs to happen in all three areas of the Valley – Ski road, middle of the valley and the Hilt end.

Betsy mentioned that we can send cards out but often they go out of date quickly as restrictions and conditions change. The website is always updated when information is received. The Board agreed that we need a sign [for open burning] which has a red and green coloring so that one side is red (stop) and the other green (go). This will be the quickest and most visual method of communicating current conditions.

Steve is in the process of ordering a second holding tank which will be placed next to the current 10,000 tank, providing 20,000 gallons of POTABLE water in the middle of the valley, close to the fire station.

The District needs to purchase two more tanks one for the Ski Road and one for the lower valley. This will be addressed this coming year.

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Tod reported that the PIO phone is in process of being purchased.. There will be three individuals who have access to the phone and one of them will always have the phone on. First is Tod, then Pam then Lisa Buttrey.

Tod is working on the idea of many platforms. Lisa is continuing to update the phone tree; there are two community face book sites, our Web Site and Twitter. The PIO phone will be purchased and will be a Smart Phone with unlimited texting availability.

Peggy mentioned a concern that the people authorized to "speak" for the District, that is have the authority to have the PIO phone be a small group of well trained and reliable people. Currently we have that in Tod, Pam and Lisa.

### **GRANTS**

Pam had no update.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Steve reported that training for 2019 will begin in April and occur every other Friday evening. They will not conflict with Friday Board meetings when they are held on Friday.

Steve is looking for an assistant. The person should have mechanical skills as well as leadership and good people skills.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Hilt Church

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Davies) to adjourn at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted

Peggy Moore