

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

October 9, 2018

PRESENT: Tod Davies, Peggy Moore, Cindy Warzyn, Teri Thomas (arrived at 6:30), Steve Avgeris.

ABSENT: Pam Haunschild

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

MINUTES

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

CHIEF REPORT

Steve reported we received 5 calls since the last meeting. Two vegetation fires (on Bailey Hill and in the Klamathon burn area) and three medical calls.

Tod mentioned that they are having problems with the Radio. Cindy reported they have spotty service and some responses are garbled. Steve responded that others have reported issues. At times it depends on who is on the other end of the 911 call as to the clarity of response. He will be reviewing the radio situation.

We received a \$1,000 donation from a resident.

Steve met with Cal Fire again. Apparently the previous hold on releasing excess equipment has been lifted as Cal Fire received money to replace a number of engines. They will have 3 Model 14 engines and one Model 15 which might be available.

Steve asked them to hold one Model 14 if they become available. The price would be from \$6,500 and \$9,000 which we can certainly afford.

52-11 is back in the District and in service. While we have appreciated the "loan" of 52-11, it is used by Cal Fire during fire season so not really available for our use.

We need to replace the water pump on the water tender. The pumps are older and the manufacture does not have any. Steve found one online that would run us \$3,212 plus \$ 250 to ship. There really is no possibility of avoiding this so the Board agreed to move forward with a replacement pump.

Steve reported that we need a stronger truck to pull the water tender. Currently it can only go 12 miles an hour up Bailey Hill, loaded. Eventually, this will cause us to have to replace the truck.

The Board discussed our current equipment as it seems to need work around the same time. Steve responded that all the equipment is about the same age and thus wearing out at the same time. Ideally, it would be on a rotating basis, which would be the goal as we purchase new (used) equipment.

Peggy asked if they found out who started the Klamathon Fire. They have arrested the person on one count of manslaughter and two of arson. He is in jail.

PICNIC

Cindy reported that the attendance was down from last year and so were the costs. We had about 80 people attend and went through 50 burgers, 20 garden burgers and 10 hot dogs. The costs were \$250.62. Cindy reported that we had a lot of tableware, plates, etc on hand .., which kept the cost down.

Peggy suggested the lower attendance may have been because we recently held a community meeting to provide a report on the Klamathon fire, This meeting was well attended.

The Board agreed that people like the picnic, and this year we had several new residents who have also expressed interest in helping the Fire District. We agreed to continue it as an annual event.

APPRECIATION

The Board surprised Steve and Peggy with a gift for 35 years of service. A gift certificate was given to Friends of the Animal Shelter in Peggy's name and Steve received a trip to Bandon for fishing and lodging and food.

Both recipients were very surprised and very grateful.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on November 13th (Tuesday) at the Hilt Church at 6 pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore