

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 12, 2019**

PRESENT: Tod Davies, Pam Haunschild, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris. Taylor Wilkerson (ODF)

ASBSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm. A quorum was established.

MINUTES

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

ODF REPORT

Taylor presented information and the process for the railroad in relationship to running the train through the Colestin Valley. Every year the railroad must fill out a permit request to run the train. During fire season they can run from 8 pm to 10 am without a water car. Once we go to a Level 3, they must run with a chaser car (complete with a fire fighter) and a plane flies over to check vegetation.

If the train is running without a water car or is running outside of the prescribed timeframe, residents can call ODF to report the violation.

Betsy will put this information on the website.

The Board appreciated knowing the exact restrictions and that ODF is very committed to enforce these restrictions. The Board thanked Taylor for driving up to meet with us.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri reported we have \$99,746.27 in the State Treasury account and \$ 5,123.21 in the Checking account. We received \$ 1,000 in donations.

Teri pointed out that the \$845.00 for medical training should have been charged in the last fiscal year (ending June 30th) but it was paid in his year and thus shows currently.

We have insured the flat bed truck that hauls the cat.

Sherri Heim has agreed to serve as the Safety Officer. She will work with Steve and Teri , if necessary, to see if it's a good fit.

The Board thanked Teri for working to find a Safety Officer.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported we had five calls since the last meeting. 2 Traffic calls, 1 vegetation fire and 2 medical.

The SCBA's will be ready for delivery after certification.

Steve has located a Fire Truck in Contra Costa County which is on auction. After discussing the truck (it is low mileage, a 2000 engine, in excellent shape with good tires and mechanically sound.) the Board agreed to bid \$ 23,400. The truck will need to have lettering and a few other things but it is an excellent value. They have "hidden" bids which means the District would put in a bid up to the amount we are willing to pay but the bid would show as \$100 over the current bid until our ceiling is reached. Currently it is at \$ 15,500 but there are obviously higher bids in the background.

We have \$10,000 available from the TIDES grant and we would go into reserves for the balance. Tod is willing to speak with Ben Stott after we have purchased the truck to see if TIDES would provide additional funds this year for its purchase.

It was M/S/P (Davies/Warzyn) to offer up to \$ 23,400 for the truck.

Steve reported that he is returning engines 5211 and 44 to Cal Fire. They are "loaner" trucks and available to CAL Fire at any time thus we cannot depend on having them in service in the Valley. Steve believes there will be surplus trucks available this September through Cal Fire at reasonable prices that will need a little work.

There was an accident at the main Fire Station. The door came completely off its hinges. Brian Dwyer dropped everything and fixed it. He wouldn't accept any payment. Brian is going to put spring loaded hinges on the door which will eliminate human error.

Pam will donate a bottle of wine and get a card for Brian.

Steve reported that the Border meeting with ODF, CAL Fire, CRFD went well. This year the Chief from District 5 attended. They will now be toned out with us. Steve has agreed to host the Boarder meeting this coming year.

PIO

Tod reported that the social media group is meeting on Thursday. The discussion Betsy (website) and Lisa (social media) had about communications will be implemented.

PICNIC

Cindy reported that the picnic will be from 12-2 on Sunday, September 22nd at the Hilt Church. The Marins have agreed to cook again and Cindy will arrange for the picnic banner to be up with ample notice.

The Board agreed we would not send cards this year. Betsy can post it on the website and with the banner, people should know.

Cindy passed around a sample of the T-Shirts which we will charge \$25.00 for, giving us a profit of about \$7.00 per shirt. They are white with a front pocket. The board suggested we order 48 including a few kid sizes.

GRANTS

Pam asked that Betsy be on the lookout for the Oregon FEMA Grant since mail comes to that address for grants.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept 10th at 6:00 at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Davies/Warzyn) to adjourn at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore