

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

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

**ABSENT:** Teri Thomas (excused)

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 minutes of the October meeting as distributed.

**TREASURER'; S REPORT**

Teri sent the financial information related to the recent purchase of the property. More detailed information will be available at the December meeting.

**LAND UPDATE**

Tod gave an update on the property. The closing date is today. All the money has been delivered to American Title Company and Peggy and Tod have signed the final documents.

Our realtor (Eric) paid for a land use person to discuss the land and future ideas. Tod will contact COS and RCC fire coordinators to discuss the possible involvement of Fire Science students living on the property rent free and providing some coverage. Peggy mentioned that the distance for students, particularly from COS is great and might not be attractive. In addition, COS is in California.

Tod checked with a USDA person about a low interest loan for the purchase of a mobile home to put on the property. The rate would be 2-3%. Brian Dwyer suggested that it might be better to use the small A frame, currently on the property as adding a bathroom and perhaps another room would be cheaper than the cost of a mobile.

Brian has expressed interest in working to coordinate the clean up.

Steve has contacted the insurance company and added the property to our insurance. Steve Silver provided Steve with a copy of a document that can be required for volunteers assisting in the cleanup activities.

Betsy will put this on letterhead and send copies to Brian and Cindy who will be heading up, with Drew, the cleanup efforts .. No one will be allowed to help with the clean up if they do not sign the agreement.

Steve will get the group together this Saturday if all three folks are available

Tod took Ben Stott to dinner, as a thank you for the generous donation from the TIDES Foundation for partial payment of the land.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve confirmed that the requested approval from the TIDES Foundation for an extension of the \$10,000 donation for a fire truck has been extended into next year. We attempted to purchase a truck but were out bid and no Cal Fire trucks (ideal for us) have become available from the surplus stock.

Steve reported that we received five calls since the last meeting. Two medicals, two vegetation fires out of the District and one truck fire (hot brakes).

E 44 (Cal fire engine) has been returned to Siskiyou County since it has seldom been here due to the fires in California. Steve took the radios out and they can be installed in the Cal Fire engine if we are able to purchase it. 44-12 can go in the bay occupied by E 44, thus allowing it to remain in use during the winter.

52-11 is in service in Hilt. Due to the few volunteers in Hilt only one engine is necessary.

Opening burning restrictions will continue for now. Steve has received several calls from people who are unhappy about cancelling open burning. We should have some language on the signage that CRFD is restricting open burning. It is on the website and Karen has it on Face book.

### **PIO REPORT**

Tod passed the phone to Pam as she will be out of the area a lot in the immediate future. Tod has been busy with the property work and that has been time consuming.

### **GRANTS**

Pam reported that the Josephine County youth organization who awarded us \$18,000 last year is requesting that fire departments wishing grants this year provide \$5,000 up front and are guaranteed at least \$10,000 back.

The grant focuses on fire, medical and communication requests and items which directly assist fire fighters.

The Board discussed various items that are needed and could fit the grant stipulations. Cindy mentioned new tires which are about \$3,000 a set. Protective clothing which cost \$2,000 each are also needed. The board agreed that requesting items like protective clothing is more apt to be funded. The money and request need to happen soon.

Pam also mentioned the Firehouse Public Safety Foundation which supports equipment like defibrators is one we should apply to. Steve will come up with some items and cost them out so we can apply to this funding source.

### **RESIGATION**

Cindy reported that she and Drew have received a serious offer on their property and it will probably close by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board expressed congratulations to Cindy and Drew for the success of the sale and Cindy presented a letter of resignation from the Board, effective Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Cindy will remain active with CRFD while they are in the Valley and help with the Property clean up and other projects as needed.

The Board thanked Cindy for her years of service on the Board.

Tod and Cindy both mentioned that Brian Dwyer has expressed an interest in joining the Board. The Board discussed Brian's service to CRFD over the years in a variety of capacities. He has currently offered to be the point person in charge of the property clean up.

After discussion, it was M/S/P (Davies/Haunschild) to offer Brian Cindy's seat for the remainder of her term (about 3 years) pending Brian's agreement to serve. The motion passed unanimously.

Peggy will contact Brian.

### **BUDGET**

Peggy asked the Board if we should invite the former budget committee (Karen, Sharon, Lisa) to join the Board committee to develop this year's budget. The Fire Chief is generally the "chair" of that group and Steve will do that.

The schedule will remain as it has been in the past. The February meeting will begin the process and it will be concluded with an approval at the June meeting (or earlier) for the approval of the final budget to be submitted to the State.

There being no further business, it was M/S/P (Davies/Warzyn) to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore