

COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 11, 2020

PRESENT: Tod Davies, Brian Dwyer, Peggy Moore, Michelle Rooker, Teri Thomas, Steve Avgeris.

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm and was held through ZOOM. A quorum was established. Peggy asked to move both the Chief's Report and the PIO report up on the agenda so that last item for this meeting is the Strategic Planning item.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri provided the material prior to the meeting. We have \$11,526.44 in the checking account and \$ 45,386.14 in the Treasury fund. We received an unsolicited \$ 2,000 donation from a resident.

The District paid back the \$20,000 no interest loan for the property. Tod has been generously donating the fee for ZOOM.

Teri remarked that we have just completed the first month of the new fiscal year so not much has been spent in this period.

Teri reported that we spent the grant from the Josephine County student project.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we received four calls since the last meeting. Two brake fires on I-5, one pick up fire on I-5 (the truck was a loss, it melted down) and one vegetation fire.

In working with both Cal Fire and ODF, the train is not allowed to run during the day. It now comes through the Valley between 1 and 3 am. The new regulation goes into effect once we reach a Level 2 fire danger.

Steve is still waiting on the Cal Fire engine in surplus in Sacramento. He continues to check on availability.

Steve is patrolling the District two or more times a week. ODF is also patrolling 2 or 3 times a week. These patrols are intentionally at different times and on different days.

PIO REPORT

Tod has the PIO phone with her. Teri has assumed the responsibility of riding with Steve in the event of a fire incident. She communicates with Tod who posts the necessary information. Tod will be calling another Zoom meeting with the appropriate people involved in communication for the District.

STRATEGIC PLANNING/PROPERTY DISCUSSION

Peggy asked each Board member to comment on their thoughts for the future of the property. Steve is interested in hearing the Board's considerations. There was a productive discussion about different options. All members agreed that we will have two plans: one in the short term and one for the 2021 and beyond.

Most of the Board favored listing the request for a travel trailer on Craig's List. Brian suggested that often people's life situations change and we might get one as a donation (since it would be a tax write off for the donor). If one did not become available through this, Brian believes we could get a decent one for between \$5 and 8,000. Simultaneously, we might get permits to expand the existing structure which is in good shape but needs a bathroom added and perhaps a second bedroom and some kitchen work.

Brian will investigate the permit cost for a remodel.

The Board discussed a mobile home but the resale value drops drastically and they are not inexpensive. Permits might also be required for that.

The Board also agreed that the ultimate goal is to build a fire station that houses trucks and has living quarters up stairs. Steve asked Brian for a ballpark estimate and he believes it would cost about \$200,000. This would of course need to be funded by grants. Brian estimates that fixing up and modifying/adding to the existing house would be between \$25 – 30,000.

Peggy will investigate possible funding sources and report back. Hiring a grant writer would not be cheap and Tod suggested that the writing of the grants is not difficult but finding the sources is more of a challenge.

Thus, the group agreed that the short term plan might be:

- To post on Craig's list.
- To post on Craig's list and explore remodeling the existing structure on the property

The long term plan is to build a fire station with living quarters.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 8th at 6:00 and Tod will send the ZOOM link prior to the meeting.

There being no further business it was M/S/P (Davies/Thomas) to adjourn the meeting at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore