

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 9, 2020**

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

ABSENT: Brian Dwyer.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm and a quorum was established. The meeting was held electronically through Zoom.

MINUTES

Teri offered the following correction to the May minutes. The cost of the land purchase and associated costs were amended as follows: the land was \$ 97,400. The taxes and utility deposit amounted to \$ 1,353 and we paid \$ 667 in fees. The real estate commission was paid by the seller.

It was M/S/P (Rooker/Davies) to approve the minutes as amended.

POSSIBLE PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Michelle forwarded a list of six possible projects to help with fire prevention to the Board. Michelle needed to leave early so we moved the agenda item up. She reviewed each of the projects and the Board discussed them.

1. Launch a program that provides basic fire extinguishers for folks to keep in their vehicles. This would allow people to have access to a fire extinguisher and make people capable of putting out small fires if they encounter one before it has a chance to grow. There are some liability risks that could be worked out.

Board discussion: Michelle did a rough price check and they would cost \$40.00 each. The Board suggested more information be obtained such as a bulk price, and how these would be handled in terms of inventory.

2. Offer debris pick up or a collection bin for yard debris to discourage people from burning piles.

Board discussion: Check with Bio Mass to see the cost of renting large bins. One person would need to be designated to head up the project. We are already in fire season so this would be a project to begin next Spring. The Board would like to pursue this.

3. A remembrance Day for the CAR and Klamathon fires. Tod reminded the Board that we are coming up to the second anniversary. Michelle pointed out that this could bring up painful memories for some.

Board Discussion: Something reminding the community of these fires with the caution that it could happen again if people are not vigilant. A remembrance statement could be posted on the website and perhaps a sign in the kiosks could be put up.

4. Purchase water storage totes and make them available to people at low or no cost.

Board discussion: This is a possible project for grants next year. More water storage throughout the valley can only help in a fire situation.

5. Host a cleanup day for locals who might need help clearing brush.

Board discussion: Tod remarked that grants for this kind of project are available from ODF. Steve suggested that a call to Lee Winslow would help direct us to sources. Tod offered to call Lee to investigate.

6. Provide a "fire prevention" training via ZOOM for the community. Michelle offered to put together a short presentation that could be posted on the website or emailed to interested people.

Board discussion: Tod suggested it should be geared toward prevention. The Board thought this would be a helpful project.

The Board thanked Michelle for these ideas. Many of them can be implemented and the Board will work on these.

Michelle left at 6:30. A quorum was still present for the purposes of taking action.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri forwarded the financial report to the Board prior to the meeting. We have \$ 10,882.62 in our checking account and \$ 63,795.44 in the Treasury account. We are very close to the end of the fiscal year (June 30th) so we are in good shape. The volunteer reimbursement checks need to be issued.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we had two calls since the last meeting. One was a big rig brake fire and the other was a small shed that burned, out of the District.

Steve asked that the Board send a letter of appreciation and thanks to Chief Frank Ault and his students. We received a check for \$ 22,146. \$ 10,000 of this was our money so the net gained by this project was \$ 12,146. Peggy will write a thank you letter.

No news on the Cal Fire Davis engine. Teri reported that as long as it is not purchased in this fiscal year (which ends on June 30th) we will not need a bridge loan.

Steve is hoping to offer a brief training at the Church, outdoors with safe distancing before the real fire season begins. He will call the firefighters with several possible dates and if there is enough interest he will hold training.

CORP is closing the crossing at the Hilt end of the valley on June 16th for necessary repairs to the tracks. Two other areas, by the Flags and by the Fire Station will also need work but dates have not been finalized for that.

PIO REPORT

Tod and Teri have discussed the process of the PIO phone when Tod is out of the Valley. The PIO person does not have to ride with Steve to fires. The phone can be anywhere for Steve to discuss fire situations. The person in the water tender can serve as the PIO person to coordinate the material Steve needs handled.

Steve said the primary purpose is to have the person onsite so that as incident commander, he is freed from answering the phone while trying to run the oversight on the fire. He suggested more people might be contacted who could ride with him to perform this task.

PROPERTY PLAN

Since Brian is not present and he has been coordinating the property project, the Board needs to postpone discussion until July. Tod did ask Steve if we needed the entire property. The property on the other side of the road could make a good home site and if we sold it, we could have a good chunk of money for putting up a station.

Steve reported that he and Brian had discussed making it a parking area for the station. The plan is to finish the clean up (almost done) and then level it and gravel it for parking.

Steve stated that there is federal money available to build a station. Peggy suggested that parking is a potential problem and we can always decide to sell it but we should keep the property until we actually have a plan and have investigated potential needs, especially if there is federal money to build the structure.

We will devote the majority of the July meeting to a discussion of strategies for the structure.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14th through Zoom, at 6 p.m.

There being no further business, it was M/S/P (Davies/Thomas) to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore