

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 13, 2020**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Lisa Buttrey, Karen Dwyer.

ABSENT: Pam Haunschild

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 and a quorum was established.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri distributed the financial reports via email and passed out hard copies at the meeting. We have \$ 2,351.60 in the checking account and \$ 81,898.30 in the State Treasury account. Most of the tax revenue has been received. Lisa mentioned that in the past few years the county has assumed full payment in the first third and so has credited that amount and it was not necessary for us to deduct the suggested 8% for potential delinquent taxes. This year, the county has reverted back to only crediting the first third of the tax income.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve did not have an exact number of calls since the last meeting. He did report that Unit Chief Bernie Paul made the trip to Sacramento and put in for three model 14 trucks that are being surplused. These three are turnkey engines, requiring no work. They all sell for \$10,000 each. At the end of fire season there will be more model 14's (which are 4 wheel drive engines) so if we are not successful in obtaining one of the three this time, we will be certain to have one at the end of the season.

Steve met with our medical responders, Sharron and Karen, and they ordered 50 gowns for first responders as well as several masks. The Board thanked these volunteers for their planning efforts, allowing us to be able to outfit first responders with protection garb.

Training cards have been sent out but on Monday morning, if we have reported cases of the virus in the Ashland area, Steve will move training to a later date.

Steve had a meeting with the Assistant Chief in District 3 and signed the mutual aid agreement with both Jackson and Josephine counties.

The \$10,000 donation to Frank Alt's organization in Josephine County will allow us to receive at least \$20,000 back. Steve resubmitted the wish list and Pam has sent it to them, requesting all the hose and nozzles needed as well as four generators for vehicle and four fire shelters. Lisa will cut a check for the additional \$5,000.

We have received a request for a proposal for this year's VFA grant. Teri reported that there is a mid audit report for Districts who have a budget between \$ 150,000 and \$ 500,000. It is much less expensive than the full size audit.

Steve reported that if he is unable to serve as chief because of illness, the Bat Chief for Cal Fire will serve as temporary Chief for CRFD.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Peggy asked if we received any comments or questions about the supplemental budget which has been posted for twenty plus days in three public places in the District and notice of said postings were placed in the newspaper. Lisa reported we received no questions or comments.

Therefore, it was M/S/P (Davies/Dwyer) to accept the supplemental budget as originally presented.

TENTATIVE BUDGET

Lisa is working on the document which will be presented to the Board and Electors at the April 17th meeting for discussion and approval as a preliminary budget. It will be posted at the North and South end kiosks and online, satisfying the legal requirements of public notice.

If there are no comments or changes, this tentative budget will be approved at the May meeting for submission to the state in June.

PICNIC

There was discussion about the picnic. Previously, the Board discussed having it every other year as attendance has been down and it has simply become routine. Peggy suggested if we had it in 2021, we could host it on the new parcel and use it as a fundraising opportunity as well. The Board thought that should be our plan.

OTHER

Brian suggested we find a less public place to have keys to the fire house. Steve pointed out that a less obvious place might preclude the ease which is necessary for responders to find and use in order to address quick response time. Steve and Brian will consider options and discuss.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 17th at the Hilt Church at 6:00 pm.

There being no further business it was M/S/P (Thomas/Davies) to adjourn at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore