

COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DECEMBER 8, 2022

PRESENT: Teri Thomas, Sam Gelfand, Michelle Rooker, Steve Avgeris.

ABSENT: Pam Haunschild, Peggy Moore, (both excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Charles Hanley, Aaron Bustard (Dist. 5 Battalion Chief)

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm and a quorum was present.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Gelfand//Rooker) to approve the [October] minutes as distributed.

DISTRICT RESTRUCTURING

Charles Hanley presented an outline of the options and steps involved in the possible consolidation of our districts. The board was given a memo prepared by an attorney that specializes in Local Government Law, and in particular mergers. Aaron Bustard spoke about the practical aspects of how volunteers and equipment could be integrated. In any case the current plan is to have 2 seasonal fire fighters in the valley during peak risk hours, which would likely be in 12 hour shifts. CRFD was encouraged to reach out and participate in other emergency preparedness organizations in the Rogue Valley, with the idea that combined efforts means access to additional resources for us. The board thanked both officials for their generous offering of time and expertise.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri sent the financials through email and also handed out a hard copy; we have \$31,311.29 in the state treasury and \$ 8,150.12 in the checking account. These balances do not include \$50,403 of November tax levy monies because the state treasury bank statement had just been received in the mail, and not yet recorded in the books.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we received 17 calls since the last meeting, which was 2 months ago. There were 4 fires, 7 medical, and 6 traffic accidents. It continues to be unusually busy for this time of year.

GRANTS

Teri reported that we are still in the process of getting our SAM # so that grant funds can be paid to us. We have passed the first hurdle of verifying our district's existence. The next step is for Teri's role to be approved.

NEXT MEETING:

It will be on January 12 at 6 pm at the Church. Sam will be out of town but can call in if necessary.

There being no further business it was M/S/P (Rooker/Gelfand) to adjourn at 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted

Teri Thomas