

## **COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**February 12, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Pam Haunschild, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Steve Avgeris.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lisa Buttrey (Budget Officer); Samantha Gelfand.

**ABSENT:** Michelle Rooker (work)

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm and a quorum established. The Board welcomed Samantha Gelfand to the meeting.

### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

We added the budget (2022-23) to the agenda.

### **BUDGET PROCESS 2022-23 Budget**

Lisa presented an outline of the process and dates for the budget. Teri suggested we keep the March meeting on the Regular Thursday (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month) and she will not attend (work requirements). We could then move the April meeting to April 21<sup>st</sup> (a week back) so that Teri can attend and review the tentative budget with Lisa and the Board. The Board would sunshine the tentative budget on April 22 for twenty days and, if no issues arose, we could adopt it in May at the regular meeting and send it to the state.

The Board agreed and Peggy will include a schedule of the meetings for the rest of the year with the minutes of this meeting.

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Haunschild) approve Karen Dwyer, Sharron Halvorson and Betsy Bradshaw as electors for the 2022-23 budget. Peggy will formally invite them to serve and they would only be required to attend the tentative budget session on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **MINUTES**

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Teri emailed the financial information and called attention to our balances. We have \$ 81,311.56 in the Treasury account and \$ 3,799.33 in Savings. We are in the 8<sup>th</sup> month of this fiscal year and are doing well thus far.

### **NEW BOARD MEMBER**

The Board thanked Samantha for agreeing to serve as an appointed Board member for Tod Davies' seat on the Board for the rest of the term. Samantha will take position 5 and she has two years of service associated with that position. It was M/S/P (Haunschild/Thomas) to approve Samantha Gelfand's appointment to the Board. Steve, as the liaison between the Board and the County Clerk's office will notify them of Samantha's appointment.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve reported that he received two calls since the last meeting. One medical and one traffic. He reported that if the weather holds, he will ask for delivery of the new water tank and have it filled.

Steve reported that lack of trainings, basically, for the past two years (due to the pandemic) calls for a business meeting with potential volunteers before we get into fire season.

Peggy asked about the tracking of CRFD equipment in the hands of our volunteers. Teri had developed a system which is still in use. We know who has what equipment. Steve plans to meet with each fire fighter individually to discuss the role. Some people will only respond to wild land fires in the district. It's the pick your call mentality.

That is not how we operate and Steve will clarify that in his meetings. It is not fair to others. Equipment issued to people not agreeing to the terms will be asked to return their equipment. Each firefighter has \$8 -10,000 worth of equipment paid for by the residents of the district and should only be issued to those who are fully engaged in responses.

Steve stated that his wish list this year is entirely focused on repairing all our equipment. He will provide Lisa with a list in time for her to prepare a tentative budget for review.

The Board discussed the need for multiple 5,000 gallon tanks in critical spots in the Valley. Steve suggested being fully functional, we need 5 more tanks. The price quoted for "bulk" purchase is under \$5,000 per tank. Samantha asked if that included the hook up material (fittings, etc). It does not but that will need to be included in the grant application.

Pam said they have funded these in the past in the match grant. She will apply for them for this year's cycle although they may not be in place until fall.

### **CONTRACT WITH DISTRICT 5**

At their Board meeting last week District 5 signed the agreement between them and CRFD. Steve will sign ours and the agreement is in place for one year. The terms require an annual review and re-signing. Steve reviewed this with Samantha for her information. The contract will

be in force by March 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be a trial year but we are all hopeful it will improve the safety of CRFD residents as well as District 5.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Church at 6 pm. Social distancing and masks will be required.

A copy of the rest of the meeting dates is attached on a separate page.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore

### **COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE – 2022**

All meetings will be held at 6 pm at the Hilt Church unless otherwise notified. All meetings will require attendees to wear protective masks and social distance.

March 10 (Thursday)

April 21 (Thursday) NOTE THIS IS THE 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

May 12

June 9

July 14

August 11

September 8

October 13

November 10

December 8