

## **COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – April 20, 2023**

**Hilt Church 6 pm**

**PRESENT:** Peggy Moore (Chair) Pam Haunschild (Member) Teri Thomas (Treasurer) Michelle Rooker (Member) Steve Avgeris (Chief) Karen Dwyer (Elector) Lisa Buttrey (Budget Officer) Sharron Halverson (Elector) Betsy Bradshaw (Elector). Truman Stone (Attorney).

Absent: Sam Cheney (Gelfand) (Member- excused)

The meeting came to order at 6:10 and a quorum was established.

#### **DISSOLUTION**

Truman Stone hosted a discussion about the process of dissolution of the District. Peggy sent out materials received from Truman and a schedule of dates to complete the process. The process begins with a resolution from the Board and materials are ultimately submitted to Jackson County. Truman walked the Board through the process of developing a ballot measure, along with timelines. The dates are important since they fall within a certain cluster of time and we can't act outside of the legal time limits. The Board discussed its interest in having the ballot measure on the November 2023 election.

Truman explained the different methods for qualifying for the ballot. The ballot measure cannot be done prior to June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Truman's firm is also working with Chief Hanley of District 5 for the annexation portion of the process and they will be paying for the legal fees associated with that part of the process. CRFD will be paying for the dissolution process.

The Board discussed the various methods open to them to dissolve the District and believe a ballot measure is most appropriate. It allows for more transparency and is more easily managed.

There was discussion of having several community meetings to inform the community of the proposal to dissolve the District and the reasons for doing so. Tentatively one would be in June, one in July and one in September which can be combined with a last small picnic. The times and days of the meeting will be set to accommodate the schedules of members of the community. The tentative dates would be Wednesday early evening on June 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup> during the day and September 10<sup>th</sup> a Sunday which would also include a final picnic.

The Board thanked Truman for zooming into the meeting. Truman will prepare the documents as we move along in the process and keep us informed through the Board chair. The legal fees are estimated at about \$ 7,000 for the process.

The Board will provide presentations with review by the attorney.

### **MINUTES**

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Teri provided the Board with an electronic copy of the financials. We have \$ 2,794.01 in the checking account and \$ 75,715.35 in the state treasury account.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve reported that we had 13 calls since the last meeting including 6 medicals, 6 traffic incidents and one structure incident. Judd Parsons has been working on the water tank project. Matt Cantrell has provided CRFD with a bid of \$3,000 to install the water tanks throughout the valley. These will be ready prior to fire season.

Engine 44-12 needs a new front differential which will cost about \$ 3,200. This is the engine that will go to Hilt along with the water tender. The damage to the vehicle occurred when it belonged to Cal Fire and it was simply a matter of time when it would need work.

### **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Lisa led the Board in a discussion of the tentative budget. Included in the proposal is a \$ 35,000 amount for Hilt Hose Company for maintenance of the two vehicles going to them. This transfer will be finalized once the insurance for the vehicles is handled.

After a review of the proposed preliminary budget by the Board and electors it was M/S/P (Thomas/Rooker) to approve the transfer to Hilt Hose Company the amount of \$ 35,000.

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Rooker) that the Budget Committee of the Colestin Rural Fire District approved the budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year in the amount of \$ 53,346.

It was M/S/P (Haunschild/Thomas) to approve the property taxes for the 2023-24 fiscal year at the rate of \$ 1.9455 per \$ 1,000 of assessed value for the permanent rate tax levy. Lisa pointed

out that the District has not raised the amount of assessed valuation since the first tax levy over 30 years ago.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 where the final budget will be approved for submission to the state. The budget will be posted in the community on the kiosks at the ends of the valley and online.

There being no further business it was M/S/P (Rooker/Thomas) to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore