

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING January 12, 2023**

PRESENT: Sam Gelfand, Teri Thomas, Peggy Moore, Steve Avgeris.

ABSENT: Pam Haunschild (excused); Michelle Rooker.

The meeting came to order at 6:05 pm on Zoom. A quorum was established. Peggy added the appointment of a Budget Officer to the agenda.

Peggy adjourned the meeting in order to go into closed session to discuss financial and personnel matters.

The Board adjourned the closed session meeting at 6:45 and returned to the scheduled Board meeting.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri provided the financials via email. We have \$ 11,330.13 in the checking account and \$ 72,171.64 in the Treasury account. We have received 100% of our levy income.

CHIEFS REPORT

Steve reported that we received 8 calls since the last meeting. Two were medicals, two were vehicle events, 3 were traffics and one was a structure fire (they were turned around for that one).

BUDGET OFFICER

Peggy spoke to Lisa about doing the Budget Officer's job this year. Lisa is again willing to assume this responsibility. It was M/S/P (Teri/Sam) to appoint Lisa as the Budget Officer for 2023-24. Peggy will convey the Board's thanks to Lisa.

GRANT

We must pass a supplemental budget for the state once we receive the grant. Pam received a 30-day extension for the grant to allow additional time to get our registration renewed with SAM for our unique entity ID. Teri has been working on getting the unique identifier number. It was M/S/P (Peggy/Sam) to provide the supplemental budget for the \$ 10,000 grant.

CLOSED SESSION

After discussion at the closed session, the following motion was made regarding the annexation of CRFD into District 5. CRFD will hire an attorney either through Special Districts or the Center for Non Profit Law to work with CRFD to complete all the necessary steps to offer this opportunity to the community.

This could involve a ballot measure to the property owners and voters, appropriate paperwork completed, insurance necessary (if it is). The successful annexation will mean that all assets - land, money and equipment will belong to District 5.

It was also decided that Hilt Fire Company would be reactivated and receive the Chief's pick up and one engine as well as a \$25,000 grant to become active. This will restore the Hilt Hose Company as a functioning department with automatic aid from Cal Fire. Hilt is located in California and thus not eligible to become annexed to a non-California fire agency. (M/S/P Teri/Sam)

The Board agreed that if an election is necessary, we would aim for May and if we were unable to get the issue on the ballot then, we would put it on for November.

Peggy will contact the two entities mentioned to find out the cost and the services available for this action.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb 9th on Zoom at 6 p.m.

There being no further business, it was M/SP (Teri/Peggy) to adjourn at 7:15 pm.

Peggy Moore