

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - MAY 11, 2023**

PRESENT: Peggy Moore, Pam Haunschild, Teri Thomas, Michelle Rooker, Steve Avgeris, Lisa Buttrey, Betsy Bradshaw.

ABSENT: Sam Cheney

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm. A quorum was established.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (/Thomas/Haunschild) to approve the minutes of the April meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri provided the financial statements prior to the meeting. We have \$76,176.92 in the Treasury account and \$ 5,688.00 in the checking account. Teri informed the Board that overall everything looks fine. Some accounts have spent the money in their budgets and we are 6 weeks from when the new budget will apply. We seem to be on target.

2023-24 BUDGET

Peggy asked if anyone had received comments from a resident about the tentative budget. No one has. Lisa led the discussion about the final budget. There were no comments or recommended changes and it was M/S/P (Rooker/Thomas) to adopt the tentative budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

The Board thanked Lisa for once again leading a successful budget process.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we did not have the number of calls received since the last meeting. There were several.

44-12 repairs were completed and it will be placed on the Ski Road. Matt Cantrell has been hired to work with Jud Parsons to start the tank placement of underground water storage tanks in the Valley. Jud is covering the majority of the labor costs.

GRANTS

Betsy sent around to the Board a notice of grant money available. Pam has reviewed it and the Board believes we should take advantage of the opportunity. It can be used for staffing during fire season this year. Steve was in touch with Chief Hanley and they will also apply for the grant.

This would give us \$70,000 - covering the cost of two fire fighters paid to be in the Valley, housed, for fire season.

The Board agreed that this would be a really great idea for fire season. The grant is due by May 19th and Pam will have it done and in by then.

It was M/S/P (Rooker/Thomas) to apply for the grant of \$ 35,000.

Steve has offered to turn Engine 44 over to District 5 prior to Fire season so they can appropriately letter it and perform any mechanical jobs.

Lisa reminded the Board we will need to submit a revised budget to send to the state since it is over the amount that simple changes can be made. Teri felt it was worth it.

ANNEXATION

Michelle reported that she will have the completed letter/announcement that will be going to registered voters in the District discussing the annexation of CRFD with District 5. There was a very thorough discussion of the kinds of items Michelle will be listing in the letter.

Peggy shared with the Board via email the latest email from Truman Stone (our Local Government Law Group attorney) listing the status thus far and the material he needs to continue moving the process along.

Teri will provide the bank account and approximate balance and the LGIP accounts. We will need to be sure that the bank account numbers are noted as of what date.

Steve and/or Teri will provide the legal description of the District with a map; effective date of dissolution should the election measure pass (The Board opted for Dec. 31, 2023) and the Names of all affected districts of other types which cover our District. The only applicable one is the roads which is through Jackson County Road Department.

Peggy and Teri will respond to Truman's email with the respective questions answered.

There was general discussion and suggestions about the content of the letter which Michelle has included. We will hold 3 community meetings at the Hilt Church as information sessions for the community to find out about the annexation. They will occur on the following dates:

June 14 at 6 p.m.

July 22 at 11 am

September 10 - Noon (will also be the final community picnic)

Next Board Meeting: June 8th, 6 p.m.

There being no further business it was M/S/P (Thomas/Rooker) to adjourn the meeting t 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore