

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 17, 2004**

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Teri Thomas, Peggy Moore, Peg Stewart, Steve Avgeris, Andy Herskind, Carole Herskind, Lisa Buttrey.

ABSENT: Mary Jo Trainor

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. at the Hilt Church.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Avgeris/Thomas) to approve the minutes from the November meeting as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that the checking account has \$8,832.26 after transferring \$10,000 from the state fund to cover matching requirements of a grant. The state treasurer's fund has \$31,058.95

In addition, the funds (between Hilt and CRFD) for a water tender are \$12,958. The cost of a water tender is over \$30,000.

Cheri was asked to price the sweatshirts and the tee shirts that we sold to celebrate CRFD's 20th anniversary. There is no requirement for any quantity to be purchased to receive this pricing. Sweatshirts (L - S) are \$13.00 each. 2X are \$15. and 3X \$17). Tee Shirts are \$8.00 S-L and \$10 for 2X and \$12 for 3X. The Board agreed to order mixed sizes of sweatshirts for now. We will order tee shirts in the summer. These shirts were a good fundraiser for us and we have had requests for more of them.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported the District received a Christmas card thanking the fire district for its support of the Soda Mountain lookout.

There were four calls since the last meeting: one structure fire outside of the District. The structure was saved. Two traffic casualties (one roll over with injuries and one upper Colestin Road accident). One big rig call but it was unable to be located.

Steve mentioned, again, his concern with part of the upper Colestin Road. He has contacted the county numerous times about putting a guardrail in that spot and they have not agreed to do so. The Board was very concerned that we keep reaching an impasse on this issue.

Nick Doherty is putting a group of concerned residents together to talk to the county about it. While the Board appreciates Mr. Doherty working on this, it is time to take more formal action.

It was M/S/P (Avgeris/Thomas) to invite Jim Douglas (the Ashland area supervisor for Jackson County roads) to the January board meeting. Peggy will write a letter to Mr. Douglas once she receives the address from Cheri.

Steve and Cheri will contact Nick and advise him of the Board's action and community members can work through him to address the community concerns.

The Rural Fire Assistance grant was completed this week. The grant was for 90% with the District matching 10%. The District purchased protective clothing for the 10% match. The grant money purchased a generator with lights, a water pump, a cut off saw and another saw. In addition, three more sets of safety gear for running the saws was also purchased. These are items we simply could not afford from the budget and have been needed for a long time.

Steve handed out the 911-dispatch protocol. Betsy will put it on the web site.

SIGNAGE

Lisa Buttrey is chairing a committee composed of Teri Thomas, Brian Dwyer, James Bowland, Steve and Cheri to work on the signage issue in the valley. The committee has asked the Board to budget up to \$2,500 to complete this project. Lisa provided the Board with details and costs. The signs will be standard, recognizable by any agency responding to an emergency. There is a special designation that can be placed on these signs to indicate to emergency personnel that the driveway is safe for emergency vehicles to go in and out.

The Board will ask Betsy to write a letter to residents, outlining the points and requirements and explaining the necessity for the signs. The letter will go out in January and the community will have until April 1st for a comment period. The signage project will go forward after April 1st.

Teri reported to the Board that the reserves are currently at about \$10,000. We have received most of the budgeted income. The reserves have been stable over the past few years. It was M/S/P (Stewart/Thomas) to approve up to \$2,500 for the signage project.

POLICIES/PROCEDURES/BYLAWS

Cheri provided the Board with a copy of the current bylaws. Peggy has suggested that the Board should review both its policies and procedures every few years. Cheri will provide the board members with copies of all existing policies and procedures for the January meeting. Peggy will email Cheri copies of all job descriptions (the Chief's, Boards, etc).

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore