

COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting

March 19, 2004

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Steve Avgeris, Andy Herskind

ABSENT: Peg Stewart, Mary Jo Trainor

VISITING: Linda Darger, Al Darger

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that we have \$17,649.50 in one account and \$18,368.05 in the General Fund.

BUDGET

The Budget committee will meet with Teri prior to the April 16th meeting. At the April meeting the Board will review the tentative budget, make any changes and sunshine it until the May meeting at which time the final budget will be adopted.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that the District responded to one flue fire and one medical.

The FEMA grant is completed and the District will maintain the file for three years in case of an audit. The FEPPA grant is also complete and 44-14 will be deployed to the Ski Road once the weather is right.

Al and Linda Darger have offered to house an engine on the Ski Road. Their property is at the 3-mile marker and they would provide the District with a 99-year lease for the firehouse. The Board appreciates the generous offer as we have been looking for a place to house an engine year round for several years.

There are several concerns that would need to be addressed prior to proceeding with the project:

. we would have to get an agreement from the county that they would remove snow from the driveway area so that the engine could get out in the winter. Steve will talk to the county. He cautioned that we might need to pay a small fee to the county for that service.

. the Darger's land is very close to the Pacific Coast Trail and the county would have to approve putting a structure there.

As a result of the Newsletter we have 5 new volunteers from the Ski Road who are participating in training.

Steve has asked for a written proposal for the thinning project from the US Forest Service. He expects it to be available by the next Board meeting at which time the Board will review the proposal and either move it forward or not.

Steve has requested that the Board approve a Captain position. In addition, Steve will be working to identify volunteers who might be interested and able to serve in command positions in the future. The Board discussed Steve's proposal. It was M/S/P (Thomas/Moore) to approve Christopher Avgeris as a Captain. Steve had spoken to both Assistant Chief's Herskind and Stewart and both are unanimous in supporting Christopher as the most qualified and most experienced individual among the volunteers.

Steve requested that the Board authorize the purchase of 10 Realm radios (which are also pagers) at a cost of \$189. each. Hilt will pay for 5 and CRFD will pay for 5. Teri suggested that we identify the actual number needed (16) and get all of them at this price. Steve suggested we get 10 and see if the store will hold 6 more at the discount price since Cheri has applied for another FEPP grant for radios. If we get the grant we can get the additional radios. It was M/S/P (Thomas/Avgeris) to approve the purchase of 10 radios.

NEWSLETTER

Steve said there has been very good response to the Newsletter. Peggy suggested that since some material that goes into the Newsletter is taken from the Board minutes that particular care be taken in reviewing the minutes before approving them.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at the Hilt Church at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 16th. The main item of discussion will be the tentative budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore