

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 18, 2005**

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Mary Jo Trainor, Steve Avgeris
Andy Herskind.

ABSENT: Peg Stewart

GUESTS: Dave Campbell

The meeting came to order at 6:05 p.m. at the Hilt Church.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Trainor) to approve the minutes of the January meeting as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri provided the Board with print outs of the budget detail to date. We have \$32,157.05 in the "county" account and \$4,435.60 in the General Fund. Cheri called the Board's attention to the fact that the radios should have been shown under purchased items. She has made this correction.

INSURANCE

Dave Campbell presented the Board with the insurance information for this year. A couple of new features have been added this year at no charge. They include drug tests (up to 5), criminal record checks (5) and free registration to the annual conference.

He reminded the Board that the new minimum wage law needs to be posted in the fire stations as well as the new OSHA laws.

Dave answered questions about the policy and the Board thanked him for his work on our behalf.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we received one TC rollover call since the last meeting. This occurred one half mile below the Ski Road which is in no person's land, not in our jurisdiction. Steve will monitor calls that come from this area since CRFD should not be called out.

Steve met with an OSHA representative from Special Districts. This was not, obviously, an official OSHA visit. He found several minor infractions in the station and one that was written up. We have 90 days to comply with these and send a letter signifying that we have complied. Areas of concern include the aisles/passageway must be clear. The fire extinguisher should be in a holder. The moderate infractions are an exit sign should be in a holder and railing must be put around the platform.

Training starts on February 19th and Steve is concerned about attendance. There will be a special training (two Saturdays) on radio communications. This will not be enough time so Steve will take over the training on another Saturday.

The Board approved a candidate for a Captain's position but Steve received comments that it would not be politically appropriate for that person to assume the position. Steve needs a Captain and he will ask for candidates at the training. He will then form a small committee and they will select a person to fill this position.

Jim Douglas met with Steve and Cheri on the road. They were informed that the county would never put a guardrail up on any county dirt road. Some of Mr. Douglas's staff have concerns plowing snow if the road is changed. They did some banking but it will not make a significant difference. Jim Douglas has offered to come to a meeting to discuss the issues.

Peggy suggested that since it is not him that isn't willing to find a real solution it would be better for Steve to meet with him and ask who/how we can share the depth of our concern about the road.

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Trainor) to inform the county that they need to put some kind of barrier up on that section of the road in order to provide safety for the residents who travel upper Colestin Road. It is up to the County how or what kind of barrier. This needs to be communicated to Mr. Douglas and his supervisors.

Steve mentioned that he received a call from the Lincoln area of the Greensprings community asking if we have any equipment we can sell them. Steve asked the Board to consider giving them 44-14 (the FEP engine) since we cannot sell it. We could donate it to them if they pay us what we have into it. This will be on the next agenda for action.

Steve shared an email from the Siskiyou County Fire Chief's Association about the narrow bandwidth issue. The FCC has ordered that all radios are to be narrowband capable. Ours (and most of the others throughout the country) are not and are not able to be converted to narrowband.

The County Fire Chiefs are applying for a grant to assist them in getting money to purchase narrow width band radios. Hilt will need to provide information if they are to be included in the proposal.

This will be a huge expense to CRFD.

BUDGET

Teri reminded the Board that we need to begin planning for the 2005-06 budget. The cycle is as follows: June to the State; May for final adoption by the Board; April to sunshine to the community; March the budget committee needs to present a draft to the Board.

Teri reported that Matt Damon and his family are moving into Ashland so he might not be available to be on the committee. The Board asked Teri to coordinate the formation of a committee. She will ask Sharron Halverson, Lisa Buttrey and either Matt or another person.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on March 18th at 6 p.m. at the Hilt Church.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore