

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

June 1, 2007

PRESENT: Carolyn Brafford, Cheri Avgeris, Teri Thomas, Peggy Moore, Tod Davies, Steve Avgeris.

ABSENT: Mary Jo Trainor

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm at the Hilt Church.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Avgeris) to approve the May minutes as submitted.

RESIGNATION

Cheri read the letter from Mary Jo Trainor, announcing her decision to resign from the Board. Mary Jo will remain as an active volunteer. It was M/S/P (Thomas/Brafford) to accept, with regret, Mary Jo's resignation.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Tod Davies has graciously agreed to serve out the remainder of Mary Jo's term on the Board. It was M/S/P (Brafford/Thomas) to approve Tod joining the Board, effective June 1st.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri reported that the checking account has \$3,652.01, the Savings account has \$1,661.17 and the State fund has \$34,646.68. Cheri will be transferring \$10,000 from the State account to the checking account in anticipation of fire season.

She noted that we have not paid our worker's comp yet. We are waiting to see the resolution of the proposed change in statewide worker's comp. Peggy reported, through email to the Board, that the insurance company said they would not bill until December.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that CRFD responded to four incidents since the last meeting. One vehicle wreck, one vehicle fire and two fires, which were cancelled by CDF prior to CRFD arriving at the scene.

Fire season has been delayed in Oregon, according to ODF. Steve is calling fire season here. The signs will go up and Betsy will send out postcards reminding people of fire season and the appropriate precautions they need to take.

Steve reported that the Colestin project went very well. The area is so clean that it is actually possible to put a fire out should one start. The federal agents are using this as a pilot project for other areas. Extensive video footage was taken and Peggy suggested that, once we get a copy, we use it at our September community event to showcase what can be done.

44-10 will remain in Hilt until Steve can resolve the engine issue.

Steve reported that he would begin the bay door project after July 1st and try and get the shed completed by June 30th. However, that may be difficult given his time. It was M/S/P (Thomas/Brafford) to attempt to get the shed project underway and the money spent prior to June 30th but because of time, if this is not possible it can be done later and the money taken from reserves.

Steve is not sure that annexation is still “alive” or not on the Ski Road. There is a serious shortage of personnel due to potential moves and this creates a further problem with CRFD continuing to be responsible for this area. District 5 has taken over the traffic responsibilities of that area.

WORKER’S COMP ISSUE

Peggy had emailed the Board and Steve about the information she obtained from the insurance company on this issue. It is still in committee; it is doubtful that even if it passes that the rates will triple; it is supported by paid departments and opposed by volunteer departments. The Board asked that Peggy write a letter stating our position to the committee members and our local representatives.

PAYROLL ISSUE

Teri reviewed the payroll requirements for the state. There are several options but the one that we will use is the “reimbursing” option. That is, we only pay an amount equal to the benefit paid out. If we don’t lay anyone off, it won’t affect us. Since we only have one part time employee, this will not come into play and Teri will pursue a refund from money we have paid thus far. The Board agreed that this is the position we wish to take.

NEXT MEETING

We will resume our regular meeting schedule, the second Friday of the month, and meet July 13th at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore