

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 10, 2015**

PRESENT: Pam Haunschild, Alissa Lipking, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm and a quorum was established.

MINUTES:

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Lipking) to approve the minutes as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri handout out the financial report. We have \$ 41,136.44 in the State Treasury account and \$ 7,895.87 in the checking account. Teri mentioned that we have \$ 248.76 in a suspense account while we confirm a couple of charges.

Steve and Teri met to review our insurance. All vehicles are listed and properly insured.

Teri submitted the Best Practices form that the Board discussed and agreed on at the last meeting. This allows us to take advantage of some discounts on our insurance. Teri reminded the Board that we need to develop and approve a public meeting policy by the spring.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve will finalize the incidents at the next meeting. There was a structure fire, in Hornbrook, that was actually a legal burn. There was one vehicle fire.

Steve reported that long time ODF command Greg Alexander and Dan Thorpe have both retired and Tyler McCarty went to Grants Pass. These represent big changes in ODF which will affect CRFD.

The radios have been re-programmed and now present some challenges for CRFD. The CRFD and Cal Fire frequencies were right next to one another. They no longer are, presenting problems for our volunteers. Steve will be working to get these changed to the former location.

44-10 and 44-12 are officially out of service. Steve told Cindy they can take the cat off the trailer and warm it up, occasionally unless they want to move it. Cindy said it was fine where it is.

Cindy raised the controlled burn situation. We were still in fire season and the controlled burn occurred. Several residents were alarmed and didn't understand that Lomakatsi must work with various factors in order to do the controlled burns necessary to do the projects dealing with clearing areas for fire control. They need to heed inversions, weather and air quality.

Steve said we all could have done a better job of alerting the valley that this was going to happen.

Lisa spoke to Teri about, in the future, using the phone tree to alert neighbors. It would help with communications and give us an opportunity to test the phone tree. The Board agreed this should be done.

GRANTS

Tod Davies is contacting Ben Stott about the \$10,000 grant. It's coming but no specific date has been established.

Pam shared the Homeland Security grant that Betsy passed along. In her review she didn't see anything that would really pertain to us except perhaps the Citizen's Core Program which she will investigate further to see if there is anything in there that we might apply for.

BOARD MEETINGS

Teri asked if the January, February and March Board meetings could move back to Friday nights since she will be working late every weekday during tax season. The Board was agreeable and Peggy will ask Betsy to put that information on the website.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is December 8th at 6pm at the Hilt Church.

There being no further business it was M/S/P (Thomas/Lipking) to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore