

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**August 20, 2004**

**PRESENT:** Cheri Avgeris, Peg Stewart, Mary Jo Trainor, Teri Thomas, Peggy Moore, Lisa Buttrey, Steve Avgeris, Andy Herskind, Nancee Carlson, Carole Herskind.

**ABSENT:** None

**MINUTES** It was M/S/P (Thomas/Avgeris) to approve the July minutes as distributed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cheri reported that the checking account has \$4,903.23 and the Treasury account has \$19,564.35. We received a \$5,000 TIDES grant and \$400 for help on one of the fires.

We received a thank you letter from Crater Chain Saw for purchasing the newest saw.

**FIRE PLAN**

Lisa Buttrey provided the Board with an update on the Fire Plan Program. The committee (Lisa, John Ames and Elaine Shanafelt) sent out 200 surveys and has received 12 back. In addition, 12 were returned for incorrect addresses.

Lisa will be publishing another BUZZ in September and plans to do an article in there. She suggested that we send a reminder post card in mid September.

The committee will be holding a public meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the plan. Lisa requested that a Hilt Volunteer be added to the committee. Nancy Carlson volunteered. Lisa has spoken with Dennis Turko at ODF. Jackson County would like to have a joint plan with Josephine County (they have completed theirs). Jackson County anticipates one to one and a half years to plan completion. The work the CRFD is doing will feed nicely into Jackson County's plan. Turko will write us into the ODF Home Defense Grant they are applying for.

Lisa is expecting two overlay contour maps from Jackson County.

The Board appreciates the tremendous work this committee is doing under Lisa's leadership.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve reported that we received eight (8) calls since the last meeting. The community center in Hilt (which is anticipated at 1-2 million to replace), three lightning calls, 1 public assist, 1 motor home, 1 medical and 1 big rig (unable to locate).

Steve reported that the community center fire was devastating for many reasons. It could not have been saved. The response time was very quick but the lightning hit both the electrical system and the steel plumbing pipes. Steve mentioned that 8 out of 10 lightning strikes, nationwide, do not ignite structures.

We lost one nozzle and 2 100-foot hoses.

Steve mentioned that per capita, 10 structures burn in the Colestin as opposed to one in Medford. We've lost three in the last year and a half. We need to pursue the idea of a water tender.

While we had considered this in the past there are several issues that have prevented us from purchasing one. They are normally 3 axle vehicles pumping 4,000 gallons. We do not have housing for this size vehicle. In addition turn around space is not possible.

Steve proposes we purchase a w4 wheel drive, 2 axles, and 2,000-gallon vehicle. It would cost between \$25 – 30,000. The \$5,000 from the TIDES foundation could be leveraged against a proposed \$10,000 for Hilt and \$10,000 for Colestin grant from the funder in Portland.

In addition, Hilt has earned money from fires and this could be applied to the purchase. The vehicle will be able to be hired out as well, thus producing additional revenue for the District.

Peggy raised the issue of protective clothing, which \$2,000 of the TIDES money was earmarked for. Steve said the water tender was more critical at this time.

It was M/S/P (Trainor/Thomas) to use the TIDES money, the \$4,000 Hilt earned from fires this year and additional grant money to purchase the water tender. Proceeds from this vehicle will be split evenly between CRFD and Hilt.

Steve reported that he and Andy would be going to get 44-13 from Deadwood and finish it. It only needs plumbing.

Steve purchased a small cat and truck to transport it. He will check with his insurance company to see if CRFD can lease it for fires.

## **MINUTES**

The Board agreed that only Board members will receive minutes and once they are approved they will be posted on the website. This will mean that the minutes are one month behind.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> at 6 pm at the Hilt Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore