

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 11, 2009**

PRESENT: Cheri Avgeris, Tod Davies, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn,
Betsy Bradshaw.

ABSENT: Chief Steve Avgeris

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

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheri passed out copies of the financials. She reported that we have \$30,317.70 in the Treasury account, \$26,236.50 in the checking account and \$1,667.70 in the Savings account. In addition, we have \$44.17 in the Chase checking account to cover any outstanding checks. All the checks are in so this balance will be transferred to the regular checking account.

Cheri reported that we have \$9,896.26 left to collect in taxes for the year. Apparently, most people are paying the full amount in November.

BUDGET

Peggy reported that all members of the budget committee, Chair Sharron Halvorson, Karen Dwyer and Lisa Buttrey have agreed to serve again this year. The Board thanked them for the willingness to perform this important duty.

The first pass will occur at the February meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT

In Steve's absence, Cheri reported that we had one incident (a vehicle accident) since the last meeting.

She provided the Board with copies of two letters (one to Cal Fire and one to the appropriate person in Oregon regarding CRFD's inability to respond to traffic accidents on the Ski Road.

The First Responder course will be offered on January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6 and 13 (all Saturdays) from 9 to 6 pm at either the R Ranch or Hilt Church. Since at least 8 people in the Valley are taking the course, we hope it can be offered at the Hilt Church. It is open to anyone interested. They do not have to be associated with the Fire District.

Cheri told the Board that she'll take CRFD's vehicle and she can take four people with her. Teri suggested that CRFD reimburse individuals who take the course mileage to and from the classes.

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Davies) to reimburse individuals who drive to the course. Car pooling will be encouraged.

Cheri reminded the Board that all certified first responders must renew every two years. This means they must complete the 54 hour course every two years.

Steve will begin fire training after February 13th since a number of volunteers will be taking the first responder course.

Cheri will file for the grant that Tod got us (50/50 match). We have purchased the necessary items (turn outs) to meet the match. We should receive \$11,000 from the grant. Peggy suggested that we consider putting that money in the State Treasury account since the interest rate is higher.

GRANTS

Tod informed the Board that she has not yet contacted anyone regarding the recent grant since we're not sure how many people will be taking advantage of the grant and thus we might not reach the threshold for putting us in a higher bracket. Until we have more particulars, she will wait.

She mentioned that Lisa Buttrey would be contacting people about the services. Already it appears that a number of people do not want to use the "big machine." If they don't, most of the work cannot be done. It is too cost prohibitive to do the work by hand. Tod volunteered to contact people about the project, outlining the alternatives (there are few to none) if they don't want to use the machinery. Tod and Alex had the clearing done to their property, so she can speak to the benefit in terms of renewed wildlife, vegetation, etc.

The Board agreed that Tod should proceed, especially since she has first hand knowledge of the process and the benefits.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on January 8th at 6:00 at the Hilt Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore