

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

July 12, 2013

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

ABSENT: Alissa Lipking

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

MINUTES

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

TREASURERS REPORT

Teri distributed the report electronically. We have \$9,523 in the checking account, \$ 52,749 in the Treasurers account. Last year through June 2012 we had \$ 14,125 and currently we have \$15,411.

Teri and others reported that the volunteers appreciate the stipends. We received a nice email from John Ames and verbal comments from others.

FIRE HOUSE

Peggy and Steve met with Sheila Maher about leasing her land for a fire station on the Ski Road. The part of the land that is most useful is the part immediately before her property, on the flat which is owned by ODT, It would require no snow removal and be easily accessible. The biggest problem might be vandalism since it is somewhat isolated. Steve called ODT to see if they would be willing to work with us. They would not permit a structure to be placed on that property.

The second area on Sheila's land is directly under a major power line. Steve called PPL and they will never permit a structure to be built immediately below the power lines.

Sheila does have two large metal containers that she'd like to have removed from her property and would donate them to the District. These might be very helpful as we develop our emergency plan.

Peggy will email Tim Stewart to see what PPL estimates the costs to be if we lease the land.

Peggy raised the concern, again, about the need for more fire fighters to respond. It would make no sense to put a station on the ski road unless there are more responders to call outs.

EMERGENCY PLAN

Peggy reported that the committee is working and plans to meet with those identified as possible cluster leaders in August. A rough job description has been developed and would be shared with the cluster leaders. After Labor Day, the cluster leaders should call a meeting of their cluster to discuss the particulars of each cluster for emergencies.

Bernie Paul and Gary Smith have both indicated to Steve that the biggest program will be the traffic on Colestin Rd since there is only one exit from the Valley. It was suggested that maybe a pilot vehicle with radios should be tested. The suggestion of text messaging was also considered. More on this as the committee continues to meet.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve shared the election results with the Board. Peggy received 27 votes and there was one write in. Pam received 26 votes and there was one write in. Alissa received 16 write in votes, others received one vote.

There have been 9 calls since the last meeting: 3 vegetation fires; 5 vehicle fires, 1 TC, a roll over with a fatality.

Steve attended the annual Border meeting with 12 others. At the top of the list are border incidents. For CRFD the highest priority in a significant emergency is to evacuate the community. In the '81 fire the biggest problem was that people were still in their homes and in the Valley, focusing attention away from containing the fire to worrying about who was where.

Steve reported that Public Works again worked on dust abatement in front of Station one, which is appreciated. Peggy will send Jeff Pruitt of Public Works in White City a thank you letter.

Training is over for the season. Steve will continue Engineer and Water Tender training throughout the summer.

Steve reported that all agencies are very concerned about this fire season, agreeing that it will be very difficult.

Steve reported to the Board that he found a vehicle for \$34,000 (diesel, four wheel drive, very low miles). They accepted an offer of \$30,000 but we do not have the money budgeted in the grant for this. We only have \$15,000. The rig was sold.

Pam reported that the grant conditions must be met by the year's end. That is, the money must be spent. The Board discussed some options. We would sell a couple of engines, netting between \$5 and 6,000. That would make \$20- 21,000 available.

Cindy suggested we follow a previous strategy and agree to fund up to a certain amount for the engine so that the Chief has some room to move quickly if he finds a good engine. It was M/S/P (Haunschild/Thomas) to allow \$25,000 for the purchase of the "squad."

PICNIC

Peggy shared Karen Dwyer's generous offer to provide a "medical table" at the picnic. She would take blood pressures and have an education table for some other medical situations such as strokes. The Board expressed its appreciation to Karen and asked that Peggy check with her on dates. Peggy and Pam will not be here the weekend of the 14th and Pam will be gone the weekend of the 7th. The Board suggested the weekend of the 21st, so it could be Saturday or Sunday.

NEXT MEETING

Peggy has her 50th High School reunion the regularly scheduled board meeting weekend and will be in the Bay Area. The Board agreed to move the meeting to Friday, September 20th.

It was M/S/P (Warzyn/Thomas) to adjourn at 7:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore