

COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – August 10, 2023

PRESENT: Sam Chaney, Peggy Moore, Michelle Rooker, Teri Thomas.

Also Present: Chief Steve Avgeris, Lisa Buttrey (Budget Officer)

ABSENT: Pam Haunschild

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm at the Hilt Church. A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Teri/Sam) to approve the minutes of the July meeting as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri sent the financial material out electronically but also provided hard copies. The checking account has \$ 45,883.79 and the Treasurers account has \$ 18,128.27. Teri reminded the Board that the \$ 35,000 grant that Pam applied for was received. It was a Staffing grant and was sent out to District 5 for services. Hence the high amount in the checking account. That was sent today. So that amount will be reduced accordingly.

Teri suggested that if the dissolution of the District occurs in the November election, we will stop buying things in November. A certain amount will remain in the District account to clean up any outstanding bills before transferring the remaining money to District 5 if the Annexation is approved.

LEGAL MATTERS

Truman Stone emailed a form to Steve to sign and return. Steve signed the form and Teri forwarded it to the County.

Steve had some discussion with Truman about the progress. There was some concern on his part about some issues which were resolved.

PICNIC AND COMMUNITY MEETING

The Board asked Steve to contact Frankie and Jeanie Marin to see if they intended to b b q at the picnic which they have done for so many years. If not, we intend to simplify the picnic menu with hot dogs, side salads, chili, chips and non alcoholic drinks. Michelle offered to make deserts. Peggy suggested that people buying food for items they make turn in receipts for reimbursement. Teri will find out the approximate number of attendees last year.

We will also be hosting the third and last community meeting prior to the November election so people not usually attending the picnic may be present. Sam has offered to do the shopping.

Steve will report back to the Board on the Marins and we will go with the food list depending on what they are doing.

There was discussion about when the community part of the meeting will be held. Peggy suggested in the middle of people eating might be a good time. She will welcome people, speak a little about the difference between dissolution (which is our issue) and annexation which is the purview of District 5 and that distinction needs to be clearly defined and understood. Steve will then speak and field questions.

Peggy raised her concerns about mingling the dissolution and annexation of the two functions. Although they are separate, legally and practically, people are talking about them as if CRFD is involved with the annexation. We are not.

Steve offered to speak to Chief Hanley to see if they want our help introducing District 5 to the community. We are happy to help if invited but it is not our role or responsibility and we need to behave accordingly.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that there were 4 calls since the last meeting. One TC, one vegetation fire and 2 accidents.

Peggy asked how the Border meeting with the other fire service folks went and Steve reported it went well, generally. There are still communication issues, partly created by different communication systems used by different agencies. Steve has been asked to host the meeting at his house next year. They buy the food.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

As the budget officer, Lisa prepared the supplemental budget which she provided the Board. After a brief discussion it was M/S/P (Sam/Michelle) that the Governing Board of the Colestin Rural Fire District **approve** the supplemental budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year in the amount of \$123,346.

It was M/S/P (Michelle/Sam) that the Governing Board of the Colestin Rural Fire District **adopts** the supplemental budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year in the amount of \$ 123,346. This was unanimously approved by the Board.

Peggy suggested that we probably should develop an MOU dealing with the timeline to pay outstanding bills once the dissolution of the District process is completed. There may be some

lag time between the end of the District as a District and the assumption of District 5 's annexation.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Thursday, September 14th at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Michelle /Teri) to adjourn the meeting at 7:02.

Respectfully submitted

Peggy Moore