

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2023 - ZOOM**

PRESENT: Pam Haunschild, Samantha Chaney, Peggy Moore, Michelle Rooker, Teri Thomas, Steve Avgeris, Lisa Buttrey (Budget Officer)

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 and a quorum was established.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Haunschild) to approve the minutes as amended through email.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri emailed the financial information. We have \$8,968.43 in our checking account and \$ 72,875.56 in the County account.

If the dissolution of the District occurs it will be in the next fiscal year, beginning July 1. Insurance, etc. will need to be paid until the dissolution happens.

BUDGET

Lisa laid out the timeline for the budget process for 2022-23. Peggy will contact the electors from last year (Betsy Bradshaw, Karen Dwyer and Sharron Halvorson) to see if they are willing to serve again this year.

If the Board approves a tentative budget at the April meeting which will be the third Thursday in April, it can be sunshined on the 21st of April and the final budget can be adopted at the May meeting.

It was M/S/P (Haunschild/Chaney) to approve the proposed electors and Peggy will notify them to see if they can serve.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve reported that we received four calls since the last meeting. One vehicle, one flue fire and two medicals.

Steve reported that there was some concern about the legitimacy of the Hilt Hose Company and Steve explained how they are different from a District such as ours which is governed by an elected Board as opposed to a hose company which in California is governed by the elected Board of Supervisors. Hilt is a volunteer hose company.

ANNEXATION

Cal Fire local leadership has expressed appreciation for the CRFD donation of the Chief's pick up and an engine which is going to Hilt Hose Company.

It was decided by the two districts that the water tender will also belong to Hilt and will be housed in Hilt. Both Chiefs felt the most benefit can be derived if the water tender remains in the Valley thus the change in the initial plan.

Steve will register these to Hilt Hose Company who will only charge us \$23 per vehicle for each of them and that covers all fees.

Steve reported that Ashland will no longer respond to emergencies using the top road (Colestin) during the winter months because it is not safe. Too much mud and other conditions, endangering the vehicle and any passengers. They will come into Hilt and back track.

Steve has an appointment with the newest elected Commissioner to review this situation and attempt to get them to put the right rock on the road.

If the annexation goes through, there will be two fire fighters stationed in the Valley during fire season. This would occur in 2024.

There was a lot of discussion about various scenarios but the bottom line is that Colestin and District 5 are in agreement with everything thus far.

Peggy has contacted the firm in Eugene (Government Law) who has been working with District 5. They are to send us an estimate of the cost of handling this for us as well. Once the Board has these numbers and if they are within our budget, the Board will approve hiring them to move this forward.

It was M/S/P (Chaney/Haunschild) to donate the water tender to Hilt Hose Company.

Once we have retained and talked to the attorneys, we will prepare to hold community meetings on the annexation.

There being no further business it was M/S/P (Thomas/Chaney) to adjourn at 7:25.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 16th at 6 pm through zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore