

COLTON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #70
MEETING OF THE BOARD
DECEMBER 9, 2014

*The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Jim Postlewait, Rex Rice, Geri Fraijo, Joyce Parker and Voss Bigonovich

Others Present: Fire Chief Richard Beaudoin, Jan Kaforski, Jessica Phillips, Kent Carroll

*Jim Postlewait made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 11th board meeting with the following corrections: Page 1, #8 "turnouts will be purchased from **Sea Western**". And on Page 2, under New Business, paragraph #4 "**Jim Postlewait** made a motion to order...". Rex Rice seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.

*There were 23 calls last month. Discussion followed on radio problems with C-Com/Life Flight during a call on Oswalt Rd. This was a C-Com issue and Chief Beaudoin will follow up with C-Com.

*The Financial Report was reviewed by Chief Beaudoin. Good tax revenue was received in November. Geri Fraijo made a motion to approve the Financial Report as received and Jim Postlewait seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.

***Fire Chief's Report:**

- a. Fire Chief's Vehicle – Chief Beaudoin is looking nationwide and on government sites.
- b. Fire Officer Academy – will be held in January. Chief Beaudoin intends to do some training on cultural class and change with the department.
- c. Recruit Academy is being held two days a week with ten people. Three volunteers have successfully completed their EMT test: Jessica Phillips, Jennifer Beaudoin and Joyce Veele.
- d. Uniforms – Job shirts are being ordered with a different Maltese cross than the district had prior.
- e. Grant – Includes personal protective gear and extrication equipment. 21 sets of turnouts have been ordered; 4 more need to be ordered. Helmets are about \$299 each. Name tags have been put on the lockers in the turnout room.
- f. High school program – the EMR test will be given in January.
- g. Mutual Aid Agreement – a draft of the Clackamas District Fire Defense Board 2014, Intra-County Automatic and Mutual Aid and Emergency Assistance Agreement was reviewed by board members. Chief Beaudoin said attorneys at Speer, Hoyt have approved the draft agreement and it was noted there is a 30-day opt out provision and an annual review of the agreement.

Rex Rice made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-04 – Resolution Adopting Clackamas District Fire Defense Board 2014 Intra-County Automatic and Mutual Aid and Emergency Assistance Agreement. Voss Bigonovich seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.

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***Fire Chief's Report, continued:** Chief Beaudoin discussed giving \$300 to those volunteers who made the required number of calls during the year with special consideration given to those volunteers who were taking the EMT class. Rex Rice said who is on the list will be up to Chief Beaudoin's discretion. Chief Beaudoin said Kent Carroll will help compile the list of the eligible volunteers.

Chief Beaudoin said he will be ordering turkeys or hams for the volunteers. Geri Fraijo said the best place to get them is at the Estacada Thriftway. Chief Beaudoin will have Gary Anderson place the order.

Chief Beaudoin said he will be attending the National Fire Academy, for leadership classes, in Washington, D.C. during the third week of February.

Rex Rice asked Chief Beaudoin who is in charge when he is gone. Chief Beaudoin said week days Gary Anderson will be in charge and nights and weekends Kerry Benthin will be in charge. Chief Beaudoin said this may not follow the chain of command but for now it is the way it is.

***Volunteer Association Report:** Jessica Phillips reported she will be the new volunteer association president beginning January 1st and she came to the meeting to introduce herself to board members. Jessica said next year the volunteers intend to continue their traditional auction, but they are going to put a new face on it since it hasn't been well attended in the past few years. The hunter's breakfast and national night out will also be events the volunteers will continue. Recently the volunteers reinstated the rides on the fire engine for grade school students. The volunteer association gave out scholarships this past year and that will continue.

Jessica said the canned food drive will be held on Thursday, December 18th beginning at 6 p.m. and she encouraged board members to come down and give a hand. Jan Kaforski was asked to let Rick Bella with the Oregonian know about the food drive so he can put it on the paper's web site.

***In Progress/Old Business:** Discussion followed on board members paying for the job shirts just ordered. The cost is \$75/each. Kent Carroll and Jan Kaforski said they thought the district should purchase the shirts for board members. Jim Postlewait said he would prefer to pay for his own shirt then he doesn't have to worry about returning it. Geri Fraijo and Voss Bigonovich said they would pay for their shirts. Joyce Parker said each board member can make the decision to pay for the shirt out of pocket or not.

Discussion followed on why the fire extinguishers were not checked last year. Chief Beaudoin was asked to check into this to determine the reason why they were missed even if Gary Anderson was out of the office.

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***New Business:** Discussion followed on renewing the Life Flight/Fire Med coverage that expires at the end of February. The cost last year was \$3,007 for 31 applicants. Kent Carroll said this is a real benefit to the volunteers and shows them that the board appreciates the time they give to the district. Chief Beaudoin said there is a requirement that the volunteers be working with the district for one year in order to be eligible for the Life Flight/Fire Med coverage.

Geri Fraijo made a motion to renew the Life Flight/Fire Med insurance coverage for calendar year 2015 to include air and ground. Rex Rice seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.

Volunteer banquet – discussion followed on holding the 2015 banquet at Farmstead Inn. Geri Fraijo will look into available dates for February and report back to the board at next month's meeting. Discussion followed on sending out invitations, with an RSVP, to all volunteers about the banquet since there was some confusion last year about who could attend.

***Added Agenda Items:** Chief Beaudoin asked the board to authorize expending \$29,000 for extraction equipment to be purchased from HOMALTRO. This is part of the grant. The district is getting a demonstration model and the price has been reduced by \$1,500. The district is getting a \$4,000 trade-in for the old extraction equipment and that old equipment will be outsourced to either Mexico or Honduras.

Rex Rice made a motion to authorize Chief Beaudoin to expend up to \$29,000 on extraction equipment as part of the grant funds. Geri Fraijo seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.

Joyce Parker read a letter from Colton Grade School thanking volunteer Chris West for putting on a firefighter demonstration. Also, a card was received from Colton Aid Network thanking the district for letting them use the meeting room to sort Thanksgiving baskets.

The joint board meeting hosted by Clackamas Fire District will be held on January 14th at 6:30 p.m. Rex Rice and Jim Postlewait will attend the meeting on behalf of the board.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6th beginning at 7 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Postlewait, Secretary/Treasurer