

COLTON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #70
MEETING OF THE BOARD
January 6, 2015

*The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

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

*Geri Fraijo made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2014 regular board meeting. Jim Postlewait seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.

***Financial Report:** Chief Beaudoin said because the board meeting is early this month the financial report will be put in board member mail boxes when available. County tax revenue taken in during the month of December 2014 was \$206,069.

***Activity Report:** There were 24 calls last month and the total year-to-date call volume was 294.

***Fire Chief's Report:**

1. Fire Chief's Vehicle – Chief Beaudoin continues to look for used vehicles. The District has the equipment to be installed on the vehicle and that can be done in-house. Joyce Parker asked what it would cost to purchase a new vehicle. Chief Beaudoin said it would cost \$50,000 to \$60,000. The website Fire Command Vehicle can be googled to see what vehicles are available. Chief Beaudoin will put a copy of an information sheet on a potential vehicle in board member mailboxes.
2. Uniforms – the purchase has been approved and ordered.
3. Grant – a motion has already been made to approve the purchase of all equipment including the extraction equipment which should arrive by the end of this month or the beginning of February. Once all are trained on the extraction equipment there may be a public demonstration scheduled to show how it works.

Chief Beaudoin said there is a lot going on with scheduling training, the recruit academy, an upcoming burn-to-learn, EMR testing, A/O class and a Haz Mat class.

4. Volunteer stipend – Chief Beaudoin said the sheet shows the percentage of calls and drills each volunteer, who is getting a stipend, made during the year. The minimum number of calls to make was 53 and the minimum number of drills to attend was 42. Chief Beaudoin said if someone was close to those numbers then they got the maximum amount of \$300, if not, then they were acknowledged for their efforts with a lower stipend. Jim Postlewait said he thought it was good to reward someone for their efforts.

Geri Fraijo asked Chief Beaudoin if he checked with C-COM on the radio problem. Chief Beaudoin said he thought it was an isolated incident since it hasn't happened since. Chief Beaudoin will be meeting with C-COM on Thursday to discuss the VHF and 800 options.

***Volunteer Association Report:** Jessica Phillips said the association has not had their first meeting of the new year as yet and so there is nothing new to report since last month.

Discussion followed on advertising more and earlier for the annual canned food drive as some residents said they didn't know about it. Suggestions for advertising all volunteer events included flyers in ColtonTel's monthly billing, signs, and continuing to contact local newspapers. Discussion followed on advertising on Facebook and updating a website. Kent Carroll said it's a big role to coordinate all volunteer events and to ask one person to handle it all is asking a lot. Kent suggested forming a committee for advertising to include a volunteer, a board member and a staff member. All agreed social media is a powerful tool and if the District intends to go out for a bond it will be necessary to use all forms of communication to inform the public of the District's needs to gain support for a positive outcome.

***In Progress/Old Business:** Geri Fraijo reported she has been in contact with Farmstead Inn to host the volunteer banquet. Farmstead Inn is in the process of being sold and the new owners are currently hiring new staff and were not in a position to commit to a date. They will contact Geri later this week to confirm. The suggested date of February 21st is not good for Chief Beaudoin as he is on shift in Salem. After further discussion, all agreed on confirming with the restaurant for Friday, February 20th with a starting time of 7 p.m. for dinner and 6 p.m. for a no-host bar. Geri said if the new restaurant, called Legends, is not in a position to host then she will look into other options.

Discussion followed on attendance at the SDAO conference in Eugene in early February. Joyce Parker said Voss Bigonovich said he might attend. All class information should be available on SDAO's website for board training purposes.

***New Business:** Jim Postlewait made a motion to approve paying the volunteer stipend in the amount of \$4,700 at Chief Beaudoin's discretion. Rex Rice seconded the motion. Geri Fraijo abstained from voting because of a conflict. The motion carried by yea votes from Jim Postlewait, Rex Rice and Joyce Parker.

***Added agenda items:** Joyce Parker reminded Jim Postlewait and Rex Rice that they volunteered to attend the January 14th joint board meeting hosted by Clackamas Fire District beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Jim Postlewait, Secretary/Treasurer