

COLTON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #70
MEETING OF THE BOARD
February 10, 2015

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

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

Others Present: Fire Chief Richard Beaudoin, Jan Kaforski, Cindy Fama

*Jim Postlewait made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2015 regular board meeting. Rex Rice seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.

***Financial Report:** Chief Beaudoin reported to date the district is under budget in all categories. Under #515 – Alarm Dispatch the amount spent includes the Active 911 charge. Under #595 – Uniforms the \$1,667 was a partial payment for the t-shirts, sweatshirts and the job shirts. Board members reviewed the bank statements and invoices and checks were signed.

Rex Rice made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Voss Bigonovich seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.

***Activity Report:** There were 21 calls during the month of January.

***Fire Chief's Report:**

1. Fire Chief's Vehicle – Chief Beaudoin said his hands are tired because there hasn't been a dollar amount approved for purchasing a replacement chief's rig. Currently, Clackamas Fire District has no vehicles available.

Rex Rice made a motion for Chief Beaudoin to expend up to \$15,000 for the purchase of a replacement vehicle. Jim Postlewait seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.

2. Training – Ted Farr has taken over as the training officer to include work on DPSST and blood borne pathogen requirements. Ten people are available for the A/O class. There will be a burn to learn at DPSST on Feb. 28th. One half of the new recruits have turnouts and Chief Beaudoin said he is not sure when new turnouts will be received.

Chief Beaudoin has decided to stay with Target Solutions for one more year.

Kent Carroll is now doing EMS training.

3. Uniforms – Board member sweatshirts should be ready by the end of the week.
4. Grant – almost all equipment has been received.

***Fire Chief's Report, continued:**

5. 800 Radios – discussion followed on needing a grant to switch to the 800 system by 2017. The estimated total cost of switching to the 800 system is \$80 million. Currently, the estimated cost for Colton to purchase radios is \$400 each and dispatch costs will be \$10,000. Colton has been approached with a program that will stair-step the costs yearly to build up funds. A certain percentage will be paid out each year; the radios could be given to Colton for free immediately, if wanted, then the radios can be purchased later. Colton has been also been offered assistance with grant writers or a lease option plan.

C-Com has decided not to update the VHF system and nationally there is a move to go with 700 radios. Joyce Parker said Colton should take the grant writing help. Voss Bogonovich said it would be a good idea to see a draft contract outlining Colton's costs before moving forward.

Chief Beaudoin said he will arrange to have Chief Hardy come to the March board meeting to discuss the 800 system in more detail.

Jim Postlewait said discussion was held at the joint board meeting about ways to improve the ISO rating. His concern is regarding Elwood patrons whose insurance rates skyrocketed because of Colton's 10 ISO rating in the Elwood area. Jim said mutual aid can be used to help assist with passing certain ISO tests to help mitigate the insurance rates. Chief Beaudoin was asked to arrange an ISO audit to help improve Colton's numbers.

*There was no public comment.

***In Progress/Old Business:** the volunteer banquet will be held on Friday, Feb. 20th.

***New Business:**

1. Rex Rice made a motion to approve the Budget Calendar as received. Geri Fraijo seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.
2. Rex Rice made a motion to appoint Chief Beaudoin as the Budget Officer. Voss Bigonovich seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.
3. Geri Fraijo made a motion to appoint Kelly Stephens to serve a three year term as budget committee member position #4 beginning with the 2015/16 budget cycle. Jim Postlewait seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.
4. Rex Rice made a motion to authorize board president Joyce Parker to sign the auditor's letter of representation for the audit year ending 6/30/14. Jim Postlewait seconded the motion. Joyce Parker abstained from voting. The motion carried by yea votes of Jim Postlewait, Rex Rice, Geri Fraijo and Voss Bigonovich.

***New Business, continued:**

5. Fire Chief's Evaluation – Geri Fraijo said she is not going to be at the March 10th regular board meeting and other board members agreed it would be good to have Geri at the executive session that is usually held after the regular board meeting.

A special meeting will be held with an Executive Session on Wednesday, March 25th beginning at 6:00 p.m. to do Chief Beaudoin's annual evaluation. Board members will fill out the evaluation form prior to the meeting. Chief Beaudoin was asked to provide a list of accomplishments one week prior to the executive session.

Jim Postlewait talked about the evaluation form and how all questions don't have to be answered especially if someone is not sure how to answer it.

***Added agenda items:** Joyce Parker talked about a letter received from the Oregon Fire District Directors Association regarding annual membership, in the amount of \$625, and the 2015 annual conference that will be held in Seaside November 5th – 7th.

Rex Rice made a motion to renew the district's membership with OFDDA. Jim Postlewait seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.

*The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Postlewait, Secretary