

COLTON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #70
MEETING OF THE BOARD
APRIL 14, 2015

*The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

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

*Geri Fraijo made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 25, 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 reviewed the financial report. Jim Postlewait made a motion to approve the report and Voss Bigonovich seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present. Board members signed checks and reviewed the bank statements.

The Activity Report was reviewed noting 31 calls in the month of March.

***Fire Chief's Report:**

Fire Chief's Vehicle – Chief Beaudoin said he and Gary Anderson are continuing the search for a vehicle on ten different websites.

Training – The learn-to-burn scheduled for this past weekend was canceled because of not having a signed waiver from the homeowner. Another date will be determined for the burn and the house is still being used for drill purposes.

800 Radio System – Chief Beaudoin and Rex Rice attended the last joint board meeting held in Estacada. Discussion followed on the 800 system and Chief Beaudoin said it was explained that the 800 system is the 700 system with no real difference. An upgrade is built in every two years.

Clackamas County will go for a bond in May 2016 and bond funds will be used to build infrastructure only. Washington County will not be a partner in the May 2016 Bond. The bond will not put any equipment in Colton's station, so radios will either need to be purchased, leased or received through a grant. Three departments are going for radio grants and Molalla and Gladstone's grants have been unsuccessful. Rex Rice said for the bond to be successful everyone will need to be on board and know exactly what the bond will fund. Chief Beaudoin said an information packet should be received addressing why the bond is needed so personnel and the public can be educated. If the May 2016 bond doesn't pass no one has any answers as to what will happen. Chief Beaudoin said it's not only a state-wide issue but a national issue. Some type of accommodation will need to be arranged with the government, federally or locally, if the bond fails. Chief Beaudoin said Gary Anderson will attend the meeting being held next week.

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

Pulse Point System – Chief Beaudoin said it's a county-wide application and costs \$10,000 annually to join, but Clackamas County gave it to Colton Fire at no charge. It's a free application that can be downloaded on your cell phone. As an example, if you go to Colton Fire and settings it will tell you if there is a cardiac arrest call and where an AED is available within a mile. The program is being launched April 23rd at Clackamas Training Center and is open to the entire community. Discussion followed on Colton School District having an AED as it was purchased at the same time as the one the district has.

ISO – Chief Beaudoin said an ISO representative will be coming out within the next six months for a pre-audit meeting. The desired outcome is for the Elwood rate to go from a 9/10 to an 8. The ISO representative said he needs to be shown that there are responses out of the Elwood station. The in-place Automatic Aid Agreement will also make a difference in the rating. If it can be proven that paid engine crews of three firefighters respond to our area then that will lower the ISO rating. Colton's first alarm has Clackamas, Estacada and Molalla responding. Also, the 2 hour and 2.5 gallons a minute engine test will be performed for ISO.

***Volunteer Association Report:** The annual auction will be held on Saturday, May 16th.

***Public Comment** – None was received.

***In Progress/Old Business:**

Jim Postlewait said he was directed by board President Joyce Parker to write a summary of Fire Chief Richard Beaudoin's annual evaluation. Jim gave copies of the summary to each board member and asked each to sign off unless there is some change they thought should be made.

***New Business:**

The Budget Committee will meet Tuesday, May 12th beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the regular board meeting being held directly after the budget committee meeting.

Rex Rice said he heard that a volunteer resigned. Chief Beaudoin confirmed that volunteers Tanner Conner and Shawn Smith resigned. Chief Beaudoin said Tanner Conner did not have the time to devote to the department any longer and that Shawn Smith's heart was no longer in serving on the department. Chief Beaudoin said board members are welcome to visit with him individually if they are interested in further details of Shawn Smith's resignation or an Executive Session could be held.

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***New Business, continued:**

Rex Rice said he thinks it's a good idea to talk about any additions or deletions to the volunteer department. Jim Postlewait suggested it be added as an agenda item under the Fire Chief's Report. Chief Beaudoin said there were also two terminations and two new volunteers. Jim Postlewait said he met new volunteer Brandon Silence, who lives on Oswalt Rd. , and he was very impressed. Chief Beaudoin said Brandon is a paramedic/apparatus operator with Salem Fire Department and is up to date on Haz Mat and extrication, he's also on the union committee and pipes and drums so he's a good addition to our department.

*The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Postlewait, Secretary