

COLTON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #70
MEETING OF THE BOARD
JULY 21, 2014

*The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

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

*Annual Business: Election of Officers: Rex Rice nominated Jim Postlewait for the office of President and Geri Fraijo seconded the nomination. Rex Rice and Geri Fraijo voted yea, Joyce Parker voted nay and Jim Postlewait abstained from voting. The nomination failed.

Jim Postlewait nominated Rex Rice for the office of President. Joyce Parker seconded the nomination. Jim Postlewait and Joyce Parker voted yea, Geri Fraijo voted nay and Rex Rice abstained from voting. The nomination failed.

Geri Fraijo nominated Joyce Parker for the office of President and Rex Rice seconded. Rex Rice, Jim Postlewait and Geri Fraijo voted yea. Joyce Parker abstained from voting. The nomination carried.

Rex Rice nominated Geri Fraijo as Vice-President and Jim Postlewait seconded. The nomination carried by yea votes from Rex Rice, Joyce Parker and Jim Postlewait. Geri Fraijo abstained from voting.

Rex Rice nominated Jim Postlewait for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Geri Fraijo seconded. The nomination carried by yea votes from Rex Rice, Joyce Parker and Geri Fraijo. Jim Postlewait abstained from voting.

Rex Rice made a motion to hold the board meetings on the second Tuesday of the month beginning at 7 p.m. Jim Postlewait seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.

Rex Rice made a motion to approve Items No. 3 through 8 on the Annual Business Sheet for 7/2014 through 6/30/2015 as presented. Jim Postlewait seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.

*Jim Postlewait made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2014 board meeting. Geri Fraijo seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.

*The Financial Report was reviewed by Chief Beaudoin who said the month of June was a high expenditure month as predicted last month. The year-end budget was under in the Personnel category by \$3,000 and the Material and Services category was under by \$37,000. Capital Outlay is \$2,000 under budget and that figure will change once the reimbursement for the security grant is received. If grants funds are received for the protective gear then we're in better shape. The last e-mail received regarding the grant is that our district received a highly favorable review, but we still don't know if we will receive the grant funds and Gary Anderson had to re-submit the grant.

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Chief Beaudoin said the officer list is short and they are pulling extra duty shifts. Tanner Conner has just joined the department and Chief Beaudoin said he would like to see Tanner become an officer even though he may not be here that long. Kent Carroll said you can't force long standing volunteers to become officers. A recruit academy will start in September. Geri Fraijo said she appreciates the extra help the officers are providing to the District at no cost.

*The Activity Report was reviewed with 21 calls for the month of June with lots of auto accidents and a fire in Estacada's district. Total call volume is 157 year-to-date.

Jim Postlewait made a motion to approve the Financial Report as received and Rex Rice seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.

***Fire Chief's Report:** Chief Beaudoin reported the district will use the same contract as Molalla Fire for billing which is a good deal for us. They will do all of the billing and collections.

During the Fire Defense meeting last month VHF radio system was talked about and Clackamas says they don't use it so they won't be responsible for paying for it. Colton Fire and Hoodland Fire use it. Grant funds will be the source of funding. The 800 system is not a good frequency so it will be interesting to see where this issue goes.

Uniforms – Colton Fire will be using the same vendor as Clackamas Fire because the cost will be lower. The uniforms are Nomax brand so the pants can be used on wild land fires as well. The pants and shirts will cost about \$150/each.

Chief Beaudoin said there is a lot of apparatus that isn't being used and he would like to surplus the old tender and with those funds purchase a new brush rig. The older brush rig is in the shop today because gas melted through the rubber hose tubing. The other brush rig is 1260 and it has to be used as a tow rig and when it's filled with water it's overweight and the tank needs to be emptied first. Chief Beaudoin said he will talk with the officers further and come back to the board next month with a recommendation.

Discussion followed on the CAD system that Colton has received first. Chief Beaudoin said he isn't sure how it's all going to work out.

***Volunteer Association Report:** Kent Carroll said the volunteer association will host an open house for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5th from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. A smoke detector table will be set up and a coloring table for the kids, plus there will be a hands on CPR demonstration. The education trailer will be on site. Kent asked for the District's support by reimbursing the volunteer association for snacks to include bottled water, cookies, coffee, popcorn, lemonade. The cost shouldn't be more than \$200 which is within Chief Beaudoin's authorization. Volunteers Joyce Veele and Jessica Phillips will be handling advertising and are the contacts for the event. Board members discussed their participation at the event and they thought it might be a good idea to provide hot dogs and watermelon. Rick Bella with The Oregonian will be notified of the event.

Jim Postlewait said it would be a good time to fill the position of Public Relations Officer. Jim Postlewait made a motion to elect Rex Rice to serve as the Public Relations Officer and Geri Fraijo seconded the motion. The motion carried by yea votes of Jim Postlewait, Joyce Parker and Geri Fraijo. Rex Rice abstained from voting. The motion carried.

*Public comment was asked for and there was none received.

***New Business:** Brain Price with ZOLL gave a demonstration of an automated pulse device that delivers cpr compressions thereby relieving ems personnel of continuing to rotate on giving cpr. The machine delivers 100% of normal cardiac output at 80 compressions a minute, whereas someone performing cpr can only deliver 30% of normal blood flow to the brain. The demo unit is priced at \$11,000 with a 6-month warranty and a new machine is priced at \$15,000 with a 12 month warranty, both include three to four lithium batteries and a box of life bands. The life bands are single use and cost \$100 each. The weight of the machine is 26 lbs. The machine is designed for adults, no trauma patients, and it can be used while moving the patient.

*The meeting recessed at 8:25 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. when it reconvened.

*Discussion followed on the Zoll automated pulse machine. Geri Fraijo stated that her family is interested in making a donation to the department on behalf of Justin Fraijo and that is why the Zoll machine was being demonstrated. Geri said her son Jeremy who works for Portland Fire is looking into the machine further because Portland Fire does not use them. Discussion followed that the reason may be because they are closer to hospitals. Chief Beaudoin said Salem Fire doesn't have one either, but he sees the benefit of the machine. Geri said if even one life can be saved because Colton Fire has one of these machines then it would be worth the cost. Geri said if there is another piece of equipment that could benefit the department more than she would like to know what that is. Chief Beaudoin said the department has four defibrillators but another could always be used.

***In Progress/Old Business:** Discussion followed on filling the vacant board position. Board members said they will keep looking and maybe a flyer could be put out at the National Night Out event and at the front desk.

Fire Chief Beaudoin said he doesn't think the district is in a position to go out for a bond this year. Geri Fraijo said any bond issue needs to be well planned and easy to understand in order to gain community support.

*The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Postlewait, Secretary/Treasurer