

COLTON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #70
MEETING OF THE BOARD
AUGUST 12, 2014

*The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

*Others Present: Assistant Fire Chief Kerry Benthin, Gary Anderson, Jan Kaforski, David Long

*Geri Fraijo made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2014 board meeting. Rex Rice seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.

*Gary Anderson reviewed the Financial Report indicating it was a light month for expenditures. Rex Rice made a motion to approve the Financial Report as received and Geri Fraijo seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.

*The Activity Report was reviewed noting 20 calls for the month of July with information on 3 calls missing.

***Fire Chief's Report:** Assistant Fire Chief Kerry Benthin gave the report in Chief Beaudoin's absence, as follows:

-Training – There are three perspective new officers and potentially up to six new recruits.

The Duty Officer rotation is being covered by four duty officers with Molalla Fire District's duty officer filling in when not on shift for Molalla.

Chief Beaudoin will take over uniform sign outs replacing Vern Estey who will begin handling apparatus maintenance.

-Accident Investigation – the Oregon State Police have closed the investigation on Chief Beaudoin's vehicle accident and reported they had no findings on the other vehicle that Chief Beaudoin said was in his lane and caused the accident.

-Grant – the District has received the \$84,000 grant for turnouts and the Jaws of Life. A bid process and advertising will be done and needs to be complete within one year. Geri Fraijo recommended publicizing the awarding of the grant.

Discussion followed on other districts having problems maintaining their volunteer numbers and duty officers. Rex Rice suggested the officers go back to meeting monthly so communication can be up to date.

-Apparatus – discussion was held at last month's meeting about consolidating apparatus and further discussion is needed on this topic since there are varying opinions.

***Volunteer Association Report:** The annual volunteer picnic will be held at Joyce Veele's on Saturday, August 16th beginning at 1600 hours with a pot luck planned.

The Hunter's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 4th.

Discussion followed on the success of the National Night Out event that the volunteer association thinks should be an annual event. Assistant Fire Chief Benthin said it was good to see the newer volunteers interact with members of the community and what was realized out of that was they don't have the background on the District that some of the long term volunteers. Because of this, Gary Anderson has been asked to create a District history sheet that can be accessed by all so everyone is better informed.

***Public Comment** was asked for and none was received.

***In Progress/Old Business:**

-Replacement board member – Joyce Parker said she talked with four patrons at the National Night Out about becoming a board member, but no one showed any real interest in volunteering for the position. All board members were asked to keep trying to find a replacement.

Network Dark Fiber – is now in the building and the outside work has been finished.

***New Business:**

-2nd Oregon Fire Service Conference (Nov. 6-8th in SunRiver) – No agenda is available as yet so no board member committed to attending.

-Replacement/Repair of Chief's Rig – Jan Kaforski said the SDAO adjuster called and gave a blue book value of \$3,673 on the Chief's rig.

-Annual meeting with other fire Districts – September 18th or September 29th were suggested dates for Colton to host a meeting with neighboring fire districts. Gary Anderson suggested inviting Clackamas Fire District since they are also a neighbors. Joyce Parker will keep Jan Kaforski informed about the meeting date so it can be advertised.

-Report on National Night Out – All agreed it was a positive community event. No receipts for snacks provided have been received from the volunteer association.

-Special Districts Trust Agreement - SDAO has been advised by legal that they need to break out their annual dues from their billings for property liability, workers' compensation and health coverage. In order to comply, the District needs to sign the Trust Agreement agreeing to this change. If the District does not sign the agreement insurance coverage may be canceled.

***New Business, continued:**

-Jan Kaforski was asked to contact SDAO to determine the amount of the annual dues. All board members agreed they did not want to sign the agreement until they knew the amount of the annual dues.

-Special Districts new Best Practices Program – Discussion followed on the new best practices program and all information, including the Resolution 2014-03, will be reviewed in detail at the September board meeting.

***Added agenda items that may come before the Board:**

-Joyce Parker read a thank letter from the Red Cross stating that the last blood drive was a success and thanking the District for their support.

-Joyce Parker encouraged board members to read the Bond article that Chief Beaudoin provided.

-Joyce Parker said she may attend the September 18th fall regional training in Wilsonville from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

-Joyce Parker asked Jan Kaforski to post board member names and telephone numbers upstairs and in the meeting room so the information is available to volunteers if needed.

-Geri Fraijo thanked David Long for his help in negotiating the price on the Zoll Autopluse system that the Fraijo family is donating to the District. Geri said a dedication of the Zoll Autopluse will be held on Friday evening, August 29th at her house.

*The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Postlewait, Secretary/Treasurer