

COLTON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #70
MEETING OF THE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

*The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. with the flag salute.

Board Members Present: Joyce Parker, Jim Postlewait, Rex Rice, Geri Fraijo
Others Present: Gary Anderson, Jan Kaforski, Cindy Fama, Voss Bigonovich

*Geri Fraijo made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2014 regular board meeting. Rex Rice seconded the motion. The motion carried by yea votes of Geri Fraijo, Rex Rice and Joyce Parker. Jim Postlewait abstained from voting since he was not in attendance at the meeting. The motion carried.

*Gary Anderson reviewed the Financial Report. Jim Postlewait 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.

*Gary Anderson reviewed the Activity Report noting there were 21 calls for the month of August.

***Fire Chief's Report:** In Chief Beaudoin's absence, Gary Anderson reported on the following:

WCCA/800 Replacement Plan – the Fire Defense Board is supporting the formation of a joint service district, and under the direction of a board, there could be a tax to Colton's patrons for the 800 system that the fire district doesn't currently use. Colton uses VHF as the main frequency. Since it cost 18 million to build the system a funding base is needed. The cost would be 18 cents per \$1,000 or \$36 per year per assessed value. Colton's mutual aid departments are all 800 users. With the passage of a tax base or bond, if Colton switches to 800 system, the cost of the radios would be covered. Chief Beaudoin is asking for the board's support of the formation of five-member board.

After discussion, it was determined more information is required about WCCA and at the joint district meeting that information might be available.

Fire Chief's Vehicle – Chief Beaudoin has talked with Chief Charlton from Clackamas Fire District who said they may be replacing their command vehicles. Also, the GPO sites have been looked at for used vehicles within the District's price range.

Fire Officer Academy/Recruit Academy - both academies will start this month.

Uniforms – Chief Beaudoin is requesting board approval to expend up to \$5,000 for station uniforms, not including t-shirts or sweatshirts. The Nomex uniforms can be worn for wild land firefighting as well as used as station uniforms. The cost is \$150/each.

Rex Rice made a motion to approve expending up to \$5,000 on uniforms per Chief Beaudoin's request. Jim Postlewait seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous votes of those board members present.

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

Grant – Need to do specifications and check for piggybacking with another district. Chief Beaudoin hopes to have a vendor picked out by next month.

Personal Protective Gear – Only a few officers have their own SCBA masks. Chief Beaudoin would like to start purchasing masks for the firefighters so they have ownership of the mask. Twelve masks are needed. More information will be provided at next month's meeting on the potential cost.

High School Program – The program will begin with the Emergency Medical Responder Class and the national test is scheduled for December.

Autopulse – The autopulse has officially been donated, orientation is complete and it is in service on 1209. Molalla Fire District will receive an orientation soon. District name labels have been ordered to place on the autopulse equipment.

***Volunteer Association Report** – was not available.

***Public Comment** – Cindy Fama brought up the house fire on Sunday and Gary Anderson said Colton was the second district on the scene with the tender. During this call the tender was driven over the chalk before it was removed and two tires were damaged and had to be replaced. Les Schwab did not charge for the service call but the total bill for the new tires is just under \$1,500.

***In Progress/Old Business:**

Replacement board member – Voss Bigonovich said he would like to help the district in any way and if filling the vacant board position would be helpful then he is willing. Voss said he has been in the construction business for the past 17 years and has been a former volunteer firefighter for Colton.

Rex Rice made a motion to appoint Voss Bigonovich to fill the vacant board position #2 and to complete the term through June 30, 2015. Jim Postlewait seconded the motion and the motion carried by those board members present.

Gary Anderson administered the Oath of Office to Voss Bigonovich.

2nd Oregon Fire Service Conference (Nov. 6-8 in SunRiver) – Voss Bigonovich will think about attending and let Jan know. No other board members are available to attend the conference.

Special Board meeting with neighboring Districts – Joyce Parker said the meeting will be held on Monday, September 29th at 7 p.m. and representatives will be present from Canby, Clackamas, Estacada and Molalla Fire Districts. Discussion followed on a proposed agenda which may include WCCA, open discussion and a contingency plan for what's best for the Districts.

***In Progress/Old Business, continued:**

Special Districts Trust Agreement – After discussion, Rex Rice made a motion to sign the Agreement and Jim Postlewait seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present. By submitting the form to SDIS the District will receive 2% off of the District's property/liability insurance.

Special Districts New Best Practices Checklist – President Joyce Parker and Jan Kaforski will fill out the best practices checklist. By submitting the checklist to SDIS the District will receive 2% off of the District's property/liability insurance.

Resolution 2014-03 – First Reading of DP 101.9 – Duties and Responsibilities of the Board Policy – Jim Postlewait made a motion to approve the first reading of DP 101.9 and to move it to a second reading at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. Rex Rice seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of those board members present.

Resolution 2014-03 will be signed at the October regular board meeting.

Discussion followed on board training that SDIS is requesting in order for the District to qualify for 2% off of the District's property/liability insurance. CDs are available for training purposes (see Jan Kaforski) and a form signed by the Board President certifying training during 2014 is due to SDIS no later than November 15th to qualify for the discount.

Neither Geri Fraijo nor Jan Kaforski will be in attendance at the October 14th board meeting.

*The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Postlewait, Secretary/Treasurer