

**COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MONTHLY MEETING Minutes**  
**April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Curt at 17:38.

**Present:** Curt Robbins, Debbie Parod, Chuck Kronz

**Fire Chief:** Rich Cowger, **Asst Chief:** Nick Jacobs **Batt.Chief:** Travis Hansen

**Admin Assistant:** Lisa Westervelt

**Visitors:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Minutes for the meeting of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were presented. **Minutes were approved as presented.**

**TREASURER REPORT:** The treasurer's report was presented. See attached report. The month's bills were reviewed. **There was a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$117109.66. Motion passed unanimously.**

**CHIEF REPORT:** See attached

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**NEW MEMBER APPROVAL:** **Motion from Chuck to approve Mac Grayless, Dan Otis, Benqt Rickbeil. Deb seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COVID relief funds/EMS equipment/Fund Planning:** **Motion from Deb to transfer \$300,000 to Capital Improvement Funds account. Chuck seconded the motion, motion approved.**

**Planning issues – Strategic Plan**

**Land Purchase updates/proposal:** Chief asked the board for approval to pursue an agreement with Christine for a possible purchase agreement. She is open to selling ½ the property, requested a privacy fence to be put up if we go this route, sharing the costs of the fence. This option would require a survey to subdivide the property. Total cost for land purchase and survey fees is estimated at \$115,000. If we chose to go this route, Chief said it may be feasible to put in a 3 bay, 2 deep building on the other lot, and then remodel the current building taking 1 bay and both floors to give us enough room for what we need right now. **Curt moved that the board give Chief the go ahead to research the costs associated with surveys, fencing, etc. and have that information for the next board meeting, along with a written proposal for the land purchase, to include an option to purchase the**

remaining ½ lot or a first right of refusal for the remaining half of the lot, at appraised value. Deb seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**SAFER Grant updates**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resident Program updates**

**Wildland Positions Applications-** Open until the 9<sup>th</sup>, and will try to interview the following week.

**Equipment purchases**

**Training Center:** The contractor we have for the work at the training center gave us a bid for all the work that we would like to have done. This bid locks in prices for materials needed for the project. The total for the project is \$54,380 (less the \$20,000 we've already paid) or, if we want to include sheeting the roof, the total would be \$61,900 (less the \$20,000 we've already paid.) Contractor is asking for a down payment of 10% of material costs and 20% of labor costs to start the work. This would be approximately \$37,538 to start, less the \$20,000 we've paid, so an additional \$17,538. **Deb moved we approve the funds for the project, Chuck seconded, and the motion was approved. The funds will be paid from the cash account.**

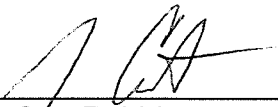
**OTHER MEMBER'S BUSINESS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 18:52.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 10, 2021 5:30 PM FIREHALL

Minutes submitted by Admin Assistant Lisa Westervelt

  
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Chairman: Curt Robbins

  
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Secretary: Debbie Parod