

**COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MONTHLY MEETING Minutes**  
**August 10th, 2023**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 17:30.

**Present:** Curt Robbins, Chuck Kronz, Debbie Parod, John Patterson  
**Fire Chief:** Rich Cowger **Assistant Chief:** Nick Jacobs  
**Battalion Chief:** Travis Hansen **Admin Assistant:** Lisa Westervelt  
**Visitors:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Minutes for the meeting of July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were approved as presented. Meeting minutes for the Special Meeting on August 1st, 2023 were approved as presented.

**TREASURER REPORT:** The treasurer's report was presented. See attached report. There was a \$5,000 donation from Abbotts that we will use towards dry suit replacements. The month's bills were reviewed. **There was a motion made by Chuck to pay bills in the amount of \$178,980.08. Debbie seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

**CHIEF REPORT:** See attached.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS:**  
Park City/Columbus potential merger/Name Change

**NEW MEMBER APPROVAL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
AFG/SAFER/DOT/CIH Grants update

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
**Additional Budget Discussion: Chuck moved to approve the budget as presented. Debbie seconded the motion, all approved and motion carried.**

**Executive Session: Debbie made a motion to move into Executive Session, John seconded the motion. Executive session started at 18:19, ended at 18:44.**

**Employee Wage and benefit discussion:** Covered in the Additional Budget discussion.

**Resident Stipend and benefit discussion:** Travis had been reworking the resident stipend program for our residents, with the goal of drawing more residents. This would

bump the minimum monthly stipend from \$300 to \$350. After that, there are different tiers, based on training and qualifications. The resident schedules mimic the medic schedules, with 48 hours on/96 hours off. Residents are offered fuels mitigation experience, and Wildland/Severity shift opportunities as well. The budgeted amount for the resident program is at the maximum number of residents, the maximum stipend, and all opting for tuition reimbursement for the Medic program. Keelie is at the end of her resident contract, Nick DeLange will be at the end of his in October, so we will have 2 spots to fill.

**John moved to go ahead with the proposal as presented. Debbie seconded the motion, all approved and motion carried.**

**Authorized Account Names:** As noted in Chief's Report, Barb Potzman's name is still on our account at Altana, and we have one credit card account that isn't assigned to anyone, was previously used by Kevin Langhus. **John moved to remove Barb Potzman's name and add Debbie Parod. John also moved to put Colton Cowger on the credit card account that is currently unassigned. Chuck seconded the motion, all approved and motion carried.**

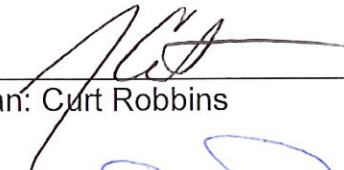
**OTHER MEMBER'S BUSINESS:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 18:49

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 5:30 PM FIREHALL

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt

  
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Chairman: Curt Robbins

  
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Secretary: Debbie Parod