

**COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes
July 11th, 2022**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 17:33.

Present: Curt Robbins, Chuck Kronz, Debbie Parod, Brent Parkin
John Patterson via cell phone

Fire Chief: Rich Cowger **Asst Chief:** Nick Jacobs

Visitors: Kyle Starr

PUBLIC COMMENT:

APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes for the meeting of June 13th, 2022 were presented and approved.

TREASURER REPORT: The treasurer's report was presented. See attached report. The month's bills were reviewed. **There was a motion made by Chuck to pay bills in the amount of \$103,607.87. Debbie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

CHIEF REPORT: See attached.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Park City/Columbus potential merger: In process

Employee Compensation Committee: Chief will meet with Brent and Curt this week.

NEW MEMBER APPROVAL:

Amy D'Allessandro (EMS): **There was motion from Debbie to approve Amy as a new volunteer member. Chuck seconded and the motion passed.**

OLD BUSINESS:

New Brush Truck Update: The chassis is here, being wrapped and getting the flat bed put on.

AFG/SAFER/DOT Grants update: No updates on any grants.

Station Ideas Update: Just working on more ideas: Some thoughts have been to add Admin building, training room, add doors to existing building. These ideas are just the beginning of what possibilities we may do. Continue to look at options that are out there.

Mill Levy Issue: Meet with commissioners and finance person to talk about levy issue. Have not resolved on how to pay back the monies and if county will take some ownership and assist in payment or pay entire bill and we repay county. Will keep updated during next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Audit Contract: New 3 year agreement with Olness. Fees will increase \$1,000 per year over 3 years, with final report given. **Motion from Debbie to approve the new agreement, Chuck seconded. Motion was approved.**

Budget Information: Property tax will go down to \$200,000 due to mistake with last budgets. We will try to pay \$80,000 if needed towards the budget mistake if possible. We can look at increasing what the city tax payment is, increase in EMS revenue, fuels remains the same. Keep DNRC contract the same. Wildland tax increased but leave alone. Increase Ambulance district mills. Possible preliminary budget totals around \$1.7 million, will continue to adjust numbers after we know what the county does with mistake to past budgets.

OTHER MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

AGENDA INPUT FOR NEXT MONTH:

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 18:30.

NEXT MEETING: August 8th, 2022 5:30 PM FIREHALL

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt



Chairman: Curt Robbins



Secretary: Debbie Parod