

**COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes
December 13th, 2021**

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

Present: Curt Robbins, Debbie Parod, Chuck Kronz, John Paterson

Fire Chief: Rich Cowger

Asst Fire Chief: Nick Jacobs

Admin Assistant: Lisa Westervelt

Visitors: Kyle Starr, Derrick Gaedcke, Colton Cowger, Bengt Rickbeil

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes for the meeting of November 8th, 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. Of note, this month's bills included the purchase of the new property. **There was a motion from Deb to pay bills in the amount of \$157,314.87. Chuck seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

CHIEF REPORT: See attached.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

NEW MEMBER APPROVAL:

OLD BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan–Update: January dates (27th thru 29th) look ok as proposed.

DOT Ambulance grant: We should know next month who gets the contract and can start planning.

NEW BUSINESS:

Potential Hospital transport agreement:

Per Diem Medic Ideas: We would like to increase our Per Diem medic pool of resources, starting in January. Nick provided some cost information for covering Thursday, Friday, Saturday at different wages. Nick and Chief Cowger were leaning towards \$19.00, but consider adjustments based on experience. **Deb moved to move forward with the \$19.00 hour wage as initial offering, John seconded, and motion carried.**

Truck Mounted Exhaust systems: Chief would like to look at putting the Ward No Smoke exhaust filters on a couple of our trucks. These would help eliminate the amount of carcinogens that our members are exposed to. These systems are mounted to each truck and divert the exhaust through the filter automatically at startup and then return to normal exhaust after 30 seconds. The cost is about \$10,000 each. So far, attempts at grants for these have not been approved. Chief would like to add a couple a year until the fleet is outfitted. These systems don't affect engine performance, nor do they void any warranty. The installation is included in the purchase price. We can purchase 2 filters per truck, if one fills up we can swap it out and send in for repair and return. **Chuck and Curt asked to look into funding assistance from the city for the ladder truck, per the interlocal agreement. Chuck moved to purchase 3 systems, Deb seconded. Motion carried.**

Traffic Control Signs: With the new Move Over laws, we can now setup speed zones for traffic going into accident scenes. After meeting with DOT and MHP, it was agreed to try 45 MPH zones. We will need some more signage to do this and would like to duplicate the sign setup across stations. The series of signs would include Accident Ahead, Lane Closed (with changeable directional arrows), and 45 MPH. **John moved to purchase signs, not to exceed \$10,000. Deb seconded and the motion was approved.**

Agenda item for the January meeting – Moving \$100,000 from grant account to capital account.

OTHER MEMBER'S BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

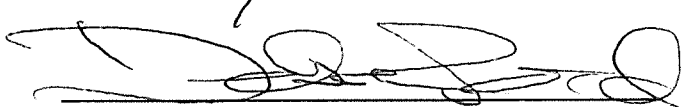
ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 18:40.

NEXT MEETING: January 10th, 2022 5:30 PM FIREHALL

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt



Chairman: Curt Robbins



Secretary: Debbie Parod