

**COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes  
December 12, 2022**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 17:31.

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

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

**Admin Assistant:** Lisa Westervelt

**Visitors:** Derrick Gaedcke

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Minutes for the meeting of November 2022 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 made by Debbie to pay bills in the amount of \$129,037.55. Chuck seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

**CHIEF REPORT:** See attached.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Park City/Columbus potential merger

**NEW MEMBER APPROVAL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

New Brush Truck Update

AFG/SAFER/DOT Grants update

**Station Ideas Update:** Chief has talked with TCA Architects, who helped with the station in Belgrade. They have submitted a project scope for our review, and is waiting for approval from the board to continue and then would provide pricing information. **The board agreed to proceed with this and get cost information.**

**Brush 426:** We have the offer from Ford to contribute \$7,000 towards the cost of a replacement engine, leaving us the balance of \$14,800. This would have a 2-year warranty and repairs would need to be done at Beartooth Ford. Tonya estimates the resale value (with the new engine) would be about \$35,000. It may take a while for a new engine to be delivered if we decide to replace it. Replacing the engine would give us several options: Use it in service – the mechanic at Beartooth Ford thinks it would be good for a “normal life span” if we do the emissions deletes right away; Sell it once it's running

again and be done with it; Use for a while and sell it later; Use it until it dies again and be done. **Debbie moved to replace the engine and decide later what to do. Brent seconded the motion. John opposed, motion carried.** Chief will find out from Tonya how long the offer from Ford is valid.

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Credit Cards

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Property/Auto Insurance Renewal** – We did renew the policies as approved in the last meeting. The changes were submitted after the billing cycle, so there will be an adjustment from the insurance company later.

**UPL Program** There is work being done for the upcoming legislative session on the UPL program that would increase the Medicaid recovery for ambulance billing.

**OTHER MEMBER'S BUSINESS:**

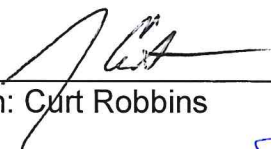
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 18:35**

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 9, 2023 5:30 PM FIREHALL**

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt

  
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Chairman: Curt Robbins

  
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Secretary: Debbie Parod