

COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes
February 13th, 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

Admin Assistant: Lisa Westervelt

Visitors: Derrick Gaedcke, Colton Cowger

PUBLIC COMMENT:

APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes for the meeting of January 2023 were approved as presented.

TREASURER REPORT: The treasurer's report was presented. See attached report. The month's bills were reviewed. The bills this month included payrolls, our bi-annual truck payment, and software renewals. **There was a motion made by Chuck to pay bills in the amount of \$151,105.66. 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: We interviewed one applicant for the CIH position and offered the position. Start date is still 8-10 weeks out due to training requirements.

Brush 426

Station Proposal

NEW BUSINESS:

Fuels Grant: We were awarded a DNRC grant for a fuels mitigation program. We requested \$290,000 and were awarded \$150,000. This will be allocated to a project in the Yellowstone River Ranch estates subdivision between Columbus and Reed Point. This is expected to be a 2-year project, starting in March with a completion goal of August 2024.

Computer Updates: Lisa worked with Dell to get some pricing discounts on an order for 4 new desktop computers. They are on order now and should be in soon.

Ambulance Remount: Looking at how long it takes to get a new ambulance, we would like to investigate remounting A4. We don't have cost information at this time but would estimate it to be in the \$120,000 range, compared to a new ambulance in the \$250,000 range. **Deb made a motion to start exploring the process and costs involved. John seconded the motion, motion was approved unanimously.**

Caterer approval for appreciation dinner: Travis received only one quote back from the caterers he reached out to for our appreciation dinner. R Heart Catering quoted \$25 per person for a split chicken/steak dinner. **Chuck moved to approve R Heart Catering, Debbie seconded the motion. Curt did not participate in the vote, all other members approved, and the motion passed.**

OTHER MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 18:16

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 13th, 2023 5:30 PM FIREHALL

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt



Chairman: Curt Robbins



Secretary: Debbie Parod