

COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes
January 5th, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Curt at 17:30

Present: Curt Robbins, John Patterson, Steve Hopsiter, Chuck Kronz, Debbie Parrod
Fire Chief: Rich Cowger **Assistant Chief:** Nick Jacobs **Batt Chief:** Travis Hansen
Admin Assistant: Lisa Westervelt **Guests:** Kyle Starr

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes for December's meeting were approved as presented.

TREASURER REPORT: The treasurer's report was presented. **There was a motion made to pay bills in the amount of \$96,563.47. Motion passed unanimously.**

CHIEF REPORT: See attached.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

NEW MEMBER APPROVAL: None. We do have a resident position open.

OLD BUSINESS:

Broken equipment updates: See Chief's report. "Old" C40 getting repairs done then we will work out the "shuffle."

COVID relief funds/EMS equipment: Most of the EMS equipment we ordered under the CARES act has come in. We also have payments due on our loans coming next month, and that would be a good time to look at allocating some of the COVID funds towards those.

Planning issues-Strategic Plan:

Land Purchase updates/ proposal:

SAFER Grant updates: We have another 2 years left with this grant, at \$8,000 a year. We are looking at what direction we want to move with this, either with continuing the Cadet program or possibly amending the grant to redirect some funds and focus towards the Resident program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resident Program updates: Mitch Paige has accepted a seasonal position with Laramie County Dist. 2 and will be leaving his position at the end of January, so we have a Resident position open. We had a meeting with Laramie County Fire District 2 about things they are doing with their Resident program, and are looking at making some changes our program. One of those we are trying now is moving residents to 24 hour shifts, with a schedule of 48/96 like our staff members. This puts them back

in a learning mode. There will be budget changes coming as a result of this, so before moving ahead we will have a complete plan with costs put together.

New AFG Grant opens soon – Ambulance. These grants open this month and we are going to try for a grant for an ambulance again.

Other: There was a motion from Deb to approve repair costs from McCandless Truck Center in the amount of \$28,119.41. Chuck seconded the motion, motion was approved. Funds will be wire transferred.

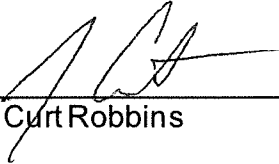
OTHER MEMBERS BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURN: 18:00

NEXT MEETING: February 8th, 2021 5:30 PM FIREHALL

Minutes submitted by Chief Rich Cowger



Chairman: Curt Robbins

Secretary: Debbie Parod