

COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes
January 9th, 2023

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

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

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

Admin Assistant: Lisa Westervelt

Visitors: Derrick Gaedcke, Andrew Porter, Bengt Rickbeil

PUBLIC COMMENT:

APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes for the meeting of December 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 Chuck to pay bills in the amount of \$86,221.99. Brent seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

CHIEF REPORT: See attached.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Park City/Columbus potential merger

Name Change: Should a merger with Park City and Columbus be approved, a name change will be required for the new department.

NEW MEMBER APPROVAL:

OLD BUSINESS:

AFG/SAFER/DOT Grants update

Approve Deputy Fire Wardens Contract: This is funded with a DNRC Grant. Costs are "pass thru" costs, there is no cost to the District. **Debbie moved to approve the contract, Chuck seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Station Evaluation Proposal: We received a proposal from TCA Architects. The board would like to look at other local stations/departments that have been updated recently, and look for other architectural firms.

Brush 426: Ford is looking for a new engine, no estimated delivery currently.

NEW BUSINESS:

Provident AD&D Coverage renewal: Deb moves to renew the policy. John seconded the motion, motion carried.

Gas Monitor Purchases: There was discussion about getting single gas vs multi-gas monitors for the ambulances and command rigs. It was decided the 3 gas should be ok since the smelter has monitors that would cover the H2S, and they are the only location that would be a concern for. **John moved to approve up to \$5,000 for the multi-gas monitors, added that more funds should be requested if needed. Brent seconded the motion, motion was approved unanimously.**

Northwestern Leadership Seminar: Brent moved to approve sending 2 people to the Leadership seminar. Chuck seconded the motion, motion carried.

Computer Updates: We're looking at updating our computers in the station and then relocating some to other locations. Initial estimates look to be around \$1200 each, and were looking at replacing 4 or 5 computers. We will get quotes from Dell.


OTHER MEMBER'S BUSINESS: The CHS Fuel Station would like to do a trainer with local departments. .

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 18:30

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

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt



Chairman: Curt Robbins



Secretary: Debbie Parod