

**COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes  
June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Curt at 17:35.

**Present:** Curt Robbins, Debbie Parod, Chuck Kronz, John Patterson

**Fire Chief:** Rich Cowger **Asst. Fire Chief** Nick Jacobs

**Admin Assistant:** Lisa Westervelt

**Visitors:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Minutes for the meeting of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were presented.

**TREASURER REPORT:** The treasurer's report was presented. See attached report. The month's bills were reviewed. It should be noted that \$300,000 was the approved transfer of funds to the Capital Improvement account. The actual bills for the month totaled \$74,545.30. **There was a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$74,545.30. Motion passed unanimously.**

**CHIEF REPORT:** See attached. For Item # 16 regarding PERS expenses, the board approved taking the funds out slowly over time.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Compensation Committee – The committee did meet and Chief will have more information for the next board meeting.

**NEW MEMBER APPROVAL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COVID relief funds/EMS equipment/Fund Planning:**

**Strategic Plan – Proposal/Update/Station Map:**

**Land Purchase updates/proposal:** The land purchase deal behind us fell through, but another opportunity has come up with a different piece of property near the station. This property is 2 blocks east of the station, .63 acres, has a 30x60 shop on site already. There is power to the building, would need concrete flooring, and some electrical work, tap into water, etc, but could be used as a place to house equipment right away. **There was a motion from Deb to abandon the option to buy the property behind us and work with the Nordal family to purchase their property for a purchase price not to excel \$105,000, but start lower with an initial offer**

**of something closer to \$95,000. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

**SAFER Grant updates:** No word yet.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DOD items:** DNRC has helped locate a tractor and small transport, a dozer and large water trailer. Chief talked with County R&B on partnering with them on this equipment. **Chuck moved to pursue all items listed in #13 on the Chief's report. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

**Possible T3 Engine Proposal/Purchase:** Boise Mobile Fire Equipment has a demo T3 engine for sale, available almost immediately. Chief would like to pursue purchasing this and putting it to work this fire season as in income source. It would need hose and some loose items, but we have most of the items to supply the truck. We have the option to sign a letter of intent to purchase, which would hold the truck for us while we work out financing options. **John moved to give Chief the approval to buy the engine and finance all of the purchase costs. Deb seconded the motion, motion passed.**

John and Deb did note that the board is aware of the need for a new ambulance. If the grants we applied for to cover that cost are not approved, will work out a way to purchase the ambulance.

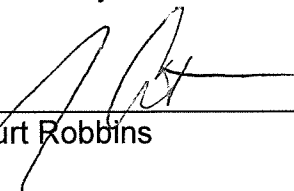
**OTHER MEMBER'S BUSINESS:** None


**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 18:55.

**NEXT MEETING:** July 12th, 2021 5:30 PM FIREHALL

Minutes submitted by Admin Assistant Lisa Westervelt

  
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Chairman: Curt Robbins

  
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Secretary: Debbie Parod