

COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes
November 15th, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 17:32.

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

Fire Chief: Rich Cowger **Battalion Chief:** Travis Hansen

Admin Assistant: Lisa Westervelt

Visitors: Colton Cowger, Kyle Starr

PUBLIC COMMENT:

APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes for the meeting of October 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 Brent to pay bills in the amount of \$125,467.86. Chuck seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

CHIEF REPORT: See attached.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Park City/Columbus potential merger

NEW MEMBER APPROVAL: **Chuck moved to approve Andrew Porter as a new Resident. He will start on 11/16. Brent seconded the motion and motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

New Brush Truck Update

AFG/SAFER/DOT Grants update

Station Ideas Update

Mill Levy Issue Repayment Plan Approval: Chief met with a County Commissioner, County attorney, and county finance director to discuss the repayment issue. The county will contribute ½ of the \$102,863, and the balance would be repaid over the next two years. This agreement will need to be approved by the rest of the County Commissioners and our attorney. **Chuck made a motion to accept the terms of the agreement, Brent seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Brush 426: We compiled a list of repairs and expenses for B426. Tonya House worked with Ford, and they said they would pay 1/3 of the cost, up to \$7,000, towards replacing engine. With the issue being the idle time on the engine, we have no guarantee there won't be similar issues in the future. There was discussion around some options: Do we

scrap the truck now; fix it and work within the new engine with a 2-year warranty; fix the engine and sell it, knowing it wouldn't be quick to replace. **Chief was asked to look into the resale value of the truck, and we will revisit in December.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Credit Cards for fire details: Will have more information next month.

Dental/Vision insurance coverage: There is the interest from staff to participate in the Dental/Vision coverage, and the understanding that it will be covered by employees through payroll deductions. **Chuck moved to enroll in the coverages, Brent seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.**

Health Insurance Renewal: **There was a motion from Chuck to approve the renewal of the health insurance coverage for the Gold PPO 107 plan, which is comparable to the current plan. Premiums did increase about 6.48%. Brent seconded the motion, motion was approved unanimously.**

Property/Auto Insurance Renewal – There had been a question about what we might save in our insurance premiums if we adjusted the deductibles.

	Increase deductible to:	Premium change	Savings
Property	\$2500	Premium drops from \$5366 to \$4484	\$882
Mobile Equipment:	\$2500	Premium drops from \$3334 to \$2382	\$952
Auto	\$3000	Premium drops from \$19,213 to \$16,529	\$2684

Bret moved to make the above changes to the deductibles. Chuck seconded the motion, motion carried.

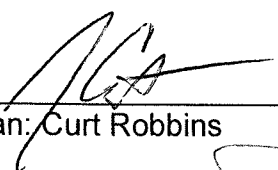
OTHER MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 18:03.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 12, 2022 5:30 PM FIREHALL

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt


Chairman: Curt Robbins


Secretary: Debbie Parod