

**COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MONTHLY MEETING Minutes**  
**October 12, 2020**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Curt at 17:32

**Present:** Curt Robbins, Chuck Kronz, Steve Hopsiter, John Patterson, Debbie Parrod

**Fire Chief:** Rich Cowger, via conferece call                   **Batt Chief:** Travis Hansen

**Admin Assistant:** Lisa Westervelt                   **Guests:** Shannon Browning

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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

**TREASURER REPORT:** The treasurer's report was presented. See attached report. Chief noted that what is listed as income from DNRC is actually EMAC 2019 deployment funds received. The month's bills were reviewed. **There was a motion made to pay bills in the amount of \$230,881.41. Motion passed unanimously.**

**CHIEF REPORT:** See attached. Chief is currently in Colorado, last operational day is Friday, should be back in the station on Monday. From item #10 on the report, the AFG grant would be for a new ambulance, and the SAFER grant would allow us to bring in 2 more paid staff to help balance out our coverage.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**NEW MEMBER APPROVAL:** **Motion from Deb to approve new members Ken Bergman. Steve seconded and the motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Fire/Severity Update:** No more severity.

**Covid relief funds:** Looking for documentation from Commissioners as to why they won't release the Covid funds for the department. Other counties (Gallatin, for example) have released funds. We can see no reason for the funds to be held. MACO said we're eligible, language is there specifically for wage reimbursements. Curt would like to get this on the agenda for the next County Commissioners meeting.

Planning issues

Land Purchase updates/proposal: