

COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes
March 9th, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Present Curt Robbins, Chuck Kronz, Brent Parkins, Debbie Parod, John Patterson
Fire Chief: Rich Cowger **Assistant Fire Chief:** Nick Jacobs **Admin Assistant** Lisa Westervelt
Visitors Cheyenne Turner

PUBLIC COMMENT None

Presentations or Communications

APPROVE MINUTES Minutes for the meeting on February 9th were approved as presented.

TREASURER REPORT The treasurer's report was presented. See attached report. Income of \$185,178.77 which includes ambulance revenues, property tax revenues, fuels grant reimbursement, and insurance reimbursements for 410 repair expenses. Expenses of \$238,400.81. **There was a motion made by Chuck to pay the bills in the amount of \$238,400.81. Debbie seconded the motion, voted all in favor, motion carried.**

CHIEF REPORT See attached.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park City Fire and Ambulance/Columbus potential merger update – Consolidation plans are coming together, doesn't look like there are any real barriers. Committee meeting again on the 16th to review the by-laws and the differences between the two departments. Columbus's are more in depth.

NEW MEMBER APPROVAL None

OLD BUSINESS

- Maintenance building update:
- Project Priority List:
- **Insurance policy, upping coverage cost, deductible:** The insurance company is reviewing the information now
- **Federal Funding Grant update** (Fire stations) Rich submitted a congressional funding application to Representative Downing's office for \$2,000,000. John found a Lowes foundation grant opportunity that helps with remodels, so Rich will look into that as well.
- **Appreciation dinner update budget approval:** The appreciation dinner will be April 25th, at the fire station. **The cost will be \$25 a plate, with a total of \$3750 for a guest count of 150.**