

COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONTHLY MEETING Minutes

May 12, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. The board toured the new building and returned to the station for the remainder of the meeting

Present Curt Robbins, Chuck Kronz, Brent Parkins, Debbie Parod, John Patterson

Assistant Fire Chief Nick Jacobs **Admin Assistant** Lisa Westervelt

Visitors Colton Cowger, Matt Keating

PUBLIC COMMENT None

Presentations of Communications None

APPROVE MINUTES Minutes for the meetings of April 14th, 2025, were approved as presented.

TREASURER REPORT The treasurer's report was presented. See attached report. Income of \$52,371.08, expenses of \$139,143.86. **There was a motion made by Chuck to pay the bills in the amount of \$139,143.86. 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: Curt gave an update on the meetings, said the Chief's report covered most updates. Rich is putting timeline together and it looks like it will have a September/October timeframe for a decision. There will be a public comment period, but no requirement for public vote as the 2 respective boards can vote on the matter.

NEW MEMBER APPROVAL We have 2 new members recommended for approval: Peyton Smith – resident and Sam Bochy – volunteer. **Motion from Debbie to approve, Chuck seconded the motion, voted all in favor, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

Grants update: We were awarded an infrastructure grant from DNRC that we can use to purchase 4 new chainsaws for mitigation crews, and various wildland equipment. We would then submit reimbursement requests through the grant after the purchases are made.

Building design proposals – project overview and estimates The architect said before moving forward much more we should talk with bond counsel or decide how we would move forward with funding. We may also want to have him look at Park City Station and see what would be involved in creating sleeping rooms there and consider having all the projects under the same bond issue. It will be very important to educate/promote the plans to the public. Other ideas that are being considered are special districts for outlying stations, but this something that we are just starting to look into at this point.

Mechanic/Maintenance Position Update We should have the consortium paperwork ready in the next couple weeks. Sweetgrass County is also interested in participating in the consortium.

Permanent Seasonal Positions Discussion Nothing new to report

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase of maintenance truck – 2021 F550 from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus: Brindlee Mountain Fire is selling a service truck that could be used as a truck for the Mechanic/Maintenance position. They are currently using it as a maintenance truck, so there wouldn't be much we'd need to do to get it ready for use, possibly about \$5,000 for a lighting package. We may opt not to rebrand it and just put a simple CFR logo on for now. This could replace U437 if needed, or if we decided not to move forward with the mechanic/maintenance position. Price is \$38,000 instead of \$50,000, and they will deliver it to us. Brent had no issues with the purchase, Chuck was in favor as long as we can make use of it, Debbie said it sounded like the maintenance position needs to go forward, so this could be used. **There was a motion from Brent to approve the purchase of the truck from Brindlee Mountain Fire, using funds from the 7216 account. Chuck seconded the motion, voted all in favor and motion carried.**

Concrete Floor installation in 12th street building The two bids for concrete floor installation were reviewed and discussed. There was some question about the meaning of "2 10x32 aprons" that was included in the second bid but not in the bid from God's Country Construction. The bid from God's Country Construction was lower, at \$24,180, all subs are local, they have a July timeframe for availability. There could be roughly \$10,000 in costs for utility hookups and incidentals. **There was motion from Brent to approve \$35,000 for the concrete flooring project from God's Country, Debbie seconded the motion, all voted yes and motion carried. Curt will let Ryan know.**

OTHER MEMBERS BUSINESS


ANNOUNCEMENTS/Public Comment None

ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM

NEXT MEETING June 9th 2025 – 5:30 PM Fire Station 944 E. Pike Ave, Columbus

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt


Chairman: Curt Robbins *John Patterson*


Secretary: Debbie Parod