

COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes
September 9th, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

Present: Curt Robbins, Chuck Kronz, Debbie Parod, John Patterson, Brent Parkins via cell phone

Fire Chief: Rich Cowger **Assistant Fire Chief:** Nick Jacobs

Admin Assistant: Lisa Westervelt

Visitors: Cheyenne Turner, Seth Larson, Rhet Bruner, Logan Smith, James Caraway

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes for the meeting of August 12th, 2024, were approved as presented.

TREASURER REPORT: The treasurer's report was presented. See attached report. The month's bills were reviewed. Bills for the month included payrolls and other expenses for fire assignments which will be reimbursed, and the BOI Type 3 engine payment. **There was a motion made by Debbie to pay bills in the amount of \$240,992.39. Chuck seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

CHIEF REPORT: See attached.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Park City/Columbus potential merger update – Rich will be going to their board meeting tomorrow, at their request.

NEW MEMBER APPROVAL: **Motion from Chuck to approve Colin Smith as new resident. Debbie seconded the motion, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Current Grants Update: Nothing on the SAFER grant yet. We are about to close out the DNRC Infrastructure Grant so reimbursements should be coming in soon.

Building purchase update: Kate advised that we need an appraisal on the building before moving forward with an agreement with a deposit to secure first right of refusal. Appraiser will call Nick or Rich to schedule time to get that done. Mike is aware of the process. There was discussion about offering a tax credit letter for any difference if the appraisal comes in less than his asking price.

Feasibility study of Fire Station upgrades: We will wait on any further discussions until we have more information on the building purchase.

City Interlocal Agreement: We have a 1 page addendum letter extending the Interlocal agreement by 1 year, with funding to be \$100,000 for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. Debbie made a motion to approve the addendum letter, John seconded the motion, motion carried.

Rich will draft a letter to the County Commissioners requesting that the 7216 account become an interest-bearing account and will need Curt to sign.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Session: None


OTHER MEMBERS BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Public Comment: None

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM

NEXT MEETING: October 14th, 2024 5:30 PM FIREHALL

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt



Chairman: Curt Robbins



Secretary: Debbie Parod