

COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes
February 10, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm.

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

Assistant Fire Chief Nick Jacobs

Admin Assistant Lisa Westervelt

Visitors RaeAnna Westervelt, Braden Talarico, Andrew Porter, Colin Smith, Morgan Stoppel, Colton Cowger, Cheyenne Turner

PUBLIC COMMENT None

APPROVE MINUTES Minutes for the meetings of January 13th, 2025 were approved as presented.

TREASURER REPORT The treasurer's report was presented. See attached report. Income of \$326,539.64 and expenses of \$227,768.93. **There was a motion made by Chuck to pay the bills in the amount of \$227,768.93. Debbie seconded the motion, voted all in favor, motion carried.**

CHIEF REPORT See attached.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park City/Columbus potential merger update

NEW MEMBER APPROVAL None

OLD BUSINESS

Yellowstone Bank Proposal: Curt shared that we have done our due diligence with the other lenders and offered an opportunity to submit another loan proposal, we did not receive any. Yellowstone Bank will cover any/all additional fees that may come up. Brent is OK with refinancing the INTERCAP loan thru Yellowstone Bank. John and Debbie are on the fence, wondering why they didn't come out with their best offer first. Brent moved to refinance with Yellowstone Bank, terms to match the letter that was given last meeting. Chuck seconded the motion, voted 1 opposed, motion carried.

Grants update: We will apply for the SAFER grant when it opens up.

Building designs: Nick shared some of the initial drawings for building designs. To clarify on the designs for the downstairs of the current building, showers would be included in the bathrooms, which would meet ADA compliance requirements. Curt asked what the power service is for the new building.

NEW BUSINESS

Capital Improvement grant funding/debt reduction/Long range vision: There was discussion around paying off current debts or moving some funds to the 7216 interest bearing account, instead of moving it into Capital Improvement accounts that ties up the funds and what they can be used for. (Purchases greater than \$5,000 and 7year life.) There is about \$600,000 in accounts currently that could be used, and roughly \$700,000 in debts outstanding (between B430 and the new building. Capital Improvement funds can't be used to service debt, per State Statute. Debbie would like to see some debts paid if we have sufficient reserves. John asked to have total monies spent on interest, on everything, at the next board meeting.

It was suggested that it's possible to transfer \$48,000 from Capital Improvement account to the operating cash account to pay for the recent repairs to engines. Debbie moved to transfer \$48,000 from the Capital Improvement account to the Operating cash account, Brent seconded the motion, voted all in favor and motion carried.

Chuck moved to make an additional principal payment on B430, to bring the total paid in February to \$175,000, funds to come from the 7210 account. Debbie seconded the motion, voted all in favor and motion carried. The remaining balance then could be paid off in August of 2025.

After a funds transfer, and additional principal payment, there should be roughly \$403,000 left in the cash account

Petition to move the fire district farther south to a warmer climate

OTHER MEMBERS BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Public Comment None

ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM

NEXT MEETING March 10th 2025 – 5:30 PM Firehall

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt


Chairman: Curt Robbins


Secretary: Debbie Parod