

**COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MONTHLY MEETING Minutes**  
**November 11, 2024**

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

**Present:** Curt Robbins, Chuck Kronz, John Patterson, Debbie Parod, Brent Parkins  
**Fire Chief:** Rich Cowger                    **Assistant Fire Chief:** Nick Jacobs  
**Visitors:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Minutes for the meeting of October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were approved as presented.

**TREASURER REPORT:** The treasurer's report was presented. See attached report. The month's bills were reviewed. **There was a motion made by Chuck to pay bills in the amount of \$168,298.18. Debbie seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**CHIEF REPORT:** See attached.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Park City/Columbus potential merger update: This is still ongoing. Their old Chief left the organization and there is a new Chief in place.

**NEW MEMBER APPROVAL:** None at this time

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Grants Update:**

**Building purchase update and Loan Options:** We have a signed purchase/sale agreement. We have a \$45,000 earnest payment, and Mike is responsible for the full year's taxes, and keeping utilities up to date. There is a tentative closing date of January 8<sup>th</sup>. **Debbie made a motion to approve the earnest payment of \$45,000 to be paid to the title company now, and an additional \$43,000 (amount required to total a 20% down payment) due at closing, and the remaining balance of \$352,000 to be financed with an InterCap loan. Brent seconded the motion, all in favor and motion carried.** John asked that an email be sent to the other financial organizations we worked with to quote loan options to thank them for their help.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Healthcare Insurance renewal:**

**Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal:** The renewal for the property and casualty insurance went up about \$8,000 but is still within the budgeted amount. It was asked if the policy includes an "umbrella policy." The policy does include "excess liability" coverage of an additional \$1