

COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes
December 11, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 15:30

Present: Curt Robbins, Chuck Kronz, Debbie Parod, John Patterson by cell phone

Fire Chief: Rich Cowger

Admin Assistant: Lisa Westervelt

Visitors:

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes for the meeting of November 14th, 2023, were approved as presented.

TREASURER REPORT: The treasurer's report was presented. See attached report. The month's bills were reviewed. This month's bills the last of the Ward No Smoke filters, outside LED light replacement, expenses for the concrete pad at the training center, radio expenses that are reimbursable through grants, and higher than normal balances on the WEX fuel bill and credit card bills due to fire assignment in Tennessee, but these costs are reimbursable. **There was a motion made by Chuck to pay bills in the amount of \$168,089.62. Debbie seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

CHIEF REPORT: See attached.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Park City/Columbus potential merger/Name Change: Chief would like to meet with Park City and their board, hopefully next month.

NEW MEMBER APPROVAL: Seth and Jen Larson, both previous members in Red Lodge, have EMS experience. **Debbie moved to approve Seth and Jen Larson as new volunteer members. Chuck seconded the motion, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

AFG/SAFER/DOT/CIH Grants update

Employee Benefit renewal discussion

Vehicle Sign Grant: We received a \$5,000 grant from the county for the purchase of the new mobile sign.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Session: None needed

Joint Ambulance/Fire District Meeting: Chief will invite the Ambulance District board to the January Fire board meeting.


OTHER MEMBER'S BUSINESS: Audrey Ott contacted Chief to propose drafting a formal agreement regarding the Reed Point station and the property the well that's used is on, who would be responsible for any issues that may arise. There are no issues at this time, she would just like to have something more formal written up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Public Comment: None


ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 15:53

NEXT MEETING: January 8th, 2024 5:30 PM FIREHALL

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt



Chairman: Curt Robbins



Secretary: Debbie Parod