

COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes
November 14, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 17:30

Present: Curt Robbins, Chuck Kronz, John Patterson, Brent Parkin

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

Battalion Chief: Travis Hansen

Admin Assistant: Lisa Westervelt

Visitors: Andrew Porter, Marsha Olson

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes for the meeting of October 10th, 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 include fuels mitigation project expenses, an increase in payroll expenses due to fire assignments, and higher than normal balances on the WEX fuel bill and credit card bills due to fire assignments, but these costs are reimbursable. **There was a motion made by Chuck to pay bills in the amount of \$182,403.96. Brent 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, possibly in December.

NEW MEMBER APPROVAL: No new members

OLD BUSINESS:

AFG/SAFER/DOT/CIH Grants update: The CIH Grant process has been challenging, but we have our program started now. The grant runs through May of next year, CDC is not renewing the grant after that time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mobile sign purchase/grant repayment: **Chuck moved to approve the purchase of a new (to us) truck mounted sign for our sign truck from LiteSys Inc. for \$6194. Brent seconded the motion, motion approved.** We have applied for a grant the county has that we may be able to use to help pay for the sign costs.

Employee benefit renewal update: Employee benefits have been renewed. Chief brought up some ideas to consider: Looking 'big picture' at staffing topics and having paid providers not living in the local community for various reasons, one being housing availability, would we want to consider buying a house for employees to use living in town?

Executive Session: None needed

Joint Ambulance/Fire District Meeting: Chief and Nick brought up the idea of a joint meeting with the fire district and ambulance district boards. It was suggested to invite the Ambulance District board to the January or February Fire board meeting.

OTHER MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Public Comment: None

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 18:30

NEXT MEETING: December 11th, 2023 5:30 PM FIREHALL

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt

Chairman: Curt Robbins

Secretary: Debbie Parod