

COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONTHLY MEETING Minutes

September 11th, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 17:33.

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

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

Admin Assistant: Lisa Westervelt

Visitors: Derrick Gaedcke, Blake Sowers, Dawson Otis, Hunter Olson

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes for the meeting of August 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 the down payment for the new ambulance, semi-annual truck payment for E430, 3 payrolls which also include fire assignments that will be reimbursed, and new radios that will be reimbursed through the infrastructure grant funds. **There was a motion made by Chuck to pay bills in the amount of \$395,568.37. Debbie seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

CHIEF REPORT: See attached.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Park City/Columbus potential merger/Name Change: There is still interest in a potential merger, and Chief is hoping to resume work on this over the winter.

NEW MEMBER APPROVAL: None

OLD BUSINESS:

AFG/SAFER/DOT/CIH Grants update
Ambulance update

NEW BUSINESS:

Employee benefit renewal update: We just received information from Jamie, it looks like a 7% increase in premiums and an increase in out-of-pocket expenses. Jamie is still "shopping the market" for us and will get more information to us for review before our renewal period in December.

Resident Stipend and benefit plan:

Executive Session: Not needed

OTHER MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Public Comment: Chief shared a message he had just received from a community member thanking the station for displaying the flag today, it was very meaningful and much appreciated.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 18:15

NEXT MEETING: Monday October 9th, 2023 5:30 PM FIREHALL

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt

Chairman: Curt Robbins

Secretary: Debbie Parod