

COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes
March 11th, 2024

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

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

Assistant Chief: Nick Jacobs

Admin Assistant: Lisa Westervelt

Visitors: Blake Sowers, Connor Hunter

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes for the meeting of February 12th, 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 Debbie to pay bills in the amount of \$140,805.43. Chuck seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

CHIEF REPORT: See attached. There was discussion about the proposal from Connect Group for a new internet-based phone system. Debbie asked that we make sure our current internet service is reliable/stable enough for phone systems and asked that also check with other providers for services provided and cost comparisons.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Park City/Columbus potential merger discussion

NEW MEMBER APPROVAL:

We have a new resident applicant: Connor Hunter. **There was a motion from Chuck to approve Connor as a new resident, Debbie seconded the motion, all in favor and motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Current Grants Update: Nick ordered some new Toughbooks to be reimbursed through the CIH Grant. The Fuels Mitigation grant is open.

Pay/Holiday Pay Discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

Appreciation Dinner: We have narrowed dates down and are proposing Sunday, April 21st for our appreciation dinner, to be held at the new Civic Center. Curt will be providing the food. John moved to approve the Appreciation Dinner, Chuck seconded the motion, motion carried.

SAFER Grant application approval/future positions: Motion from Debbie to approve applying for a SAFER grant for 3 additional response positions that would be covered by the grant for 3 years if we are awarded the grant. Chuck seconded the motion, all in favor and motion carried.

Fleet Management Discussion: We have a list of the Command or support vehicles and their age and mileage to help start the discussion of when to consider replacement. Other departments are looking at replacement at the 10 year, 150,000 mile mark. Debbie stated she's not comfortable with arbitrary numbers and would rather decide based on performance and reliability. John said that when we do replace vehicles, we should move to the ¾ ton trucks, based on the mileage driven and the terrain the trucks are driven on. Brent suggested that vehicles be reviewed at the 150,000 miles mark, then look at repair costs and performance to determine if it's time to replace or not. John suggested that we look into fleet lease options, similar to what the county does for their heavy equipment. It was also asked that more information regarding fuel, repair, and maintenance costs per vehicle be provided at the next meeting to help in reviewing fleet replacement decisions.

Feasibility Study of Fire Station upgrades: Chief provided a quote and proposal from Dowling Architects to help with feasibility study, which includes options for new station, and renovation of the current station. There was concern about spending money on a proposal that we wouldn't be able to afford without asking the community for more funds, and the board felt strongly about not asking the community for funding for a new station at this time. If we move forward with upgrades it would need to be something we can cash flow. Can we give the architect a little more direction on a project scope that would stay below a specific budget total? If we took option 2 out of the scope of the proposal, would that change the price at all? There was support for the idea of outlier stations, in areas like Pinecrest, Shane Ridge/Shane Creek, Countryman Creek, and Ranch access, which could reduce insurance rates for homeowners in those areas. The board encouraged creative thinking for land options for stations – 99 year leases from land owners, etc. John would like to see a map of the areas that may be considered for the outlier stations, and then go see them in person.

Executive Session: None needed

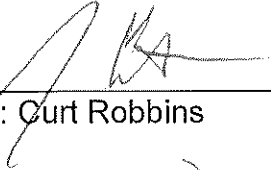
OTHER MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Public Comment: None

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 19:00

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

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt



Chairman: Curt Robbins



Secretary: Debbie Parod

