

**COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MONTHLY MEETING Minutes**  
**May 14th, 2024**

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

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

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

**Battlion Chief:** Travis Hansen

**Admin Assistant:** Lisa Westervelt

**Visitors:** Kyle Starr, Andrew Porter, Jonathan Burke

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Minutes for the meeting of April 8<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 Debbie to pay bills in the amount of \$139,040.81. Chuck seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

**CHIEF REPORT:** See attached.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Park City/Columbus potential merger discussion

**NEW MEMBER APPROVAL:**

Eight new members, both for resident positions and volunteer positions were presented for approval. Bruce Wade, Mark Deschene, Steven King, Raven Ablard, as members and Gavin Merlini, Braden Talarico, Dustin Parker, and Hayden Mills as residents. **Debbie moved to approve all the listed new members, Chuck seconded and the motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Current Grants Update

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Fleet Management Discussion:**

- DNRC Engine Purchase – We have the opportunity to purchase the DNRC truck that we currently have in use in Reed Point for \$5,000. This would work great for a ranch-based truck. **Chuck moved to approve the purchase of the DNRC truck for \$5,000, Brent seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- Potential DES Pickup Purchase: The County DES is planning to purchase a new truck in the next few months and has offered to sell their current one for the trade in value of \$25,000. This truck already has the lighting package installed and antennas for radios. If

we were to purchase this truck, we could rotate our oldest staff/command truck to a dedicated sign truck and move this one into the fleet as a staff/command truck. John moved to let DES know that we are interested, Brent seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried.

**Feasibility Study of Fire Station upgrades:** There is the potential of the building across the street being for sale, and we've asked the owner to give us the first option if they decide to sell it. With this, and other facility questions and ideas, Chief requested that we retain Dowling Architectural firm to help us in the process of what we can do and how to move forward. Brent stated he was ok with having the architect look at what options would be if we purchased the building across the street. Deb moved to have Dowling Architectural firm give us an initial assessment, not to exceed fees of \$2,500 at this time. Brent seconded the motion, all approved and motion carried.

### City Interlocal Agreement

**Executive Session:** None needed

### OTHER MEMBERS BUSINESS:

#### NEW BUSINESS:

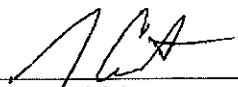
We received a proposal from Front Line Mobile Health for the annual medical physical evaluations. Cost is \$2,000 per person, funded through a grant with a 5% matching cost to us. These evaluations will be offered to CFR, Park City, and Absarokee and each would share in the costs for their members. These will be done locally, site still to be determined. Chuck moved to approve the proposal from Front Line Mobile Health, Brent seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/Public Comment:** None

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM

**NEXT MEETING:** June 10th, 2024 5:30 PM FIREHALL

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt

  
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Chairman: Curt Robbins

  
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Secretary: Debbie Parod