

**COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes
October 10th, 2023**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 17:34.

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

Fire Chief: Rich Cowger **Battalion Chief:** Travis Hansen

Admin Assistant: Lisa Westervelt

Visitors:

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes for the meeting of September 11th, 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 final payment for the new ambulance, the WEX fuel bill and credit card bills are higher than normal due to fire assignments, but these costs are reimbursable. Hughes did some repairs on the engines, some of these costs will be shared with the city. There was a participation fee of about \$3,700 to DPHHS, but this will bring supplemental ambulance income of about \$18,000. **There was a motion made by Chuck to pay bills in the amount of \$366,204.48. John seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

CHIEF REPORT: See attached.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Park City/Columbus potential merger/Name Change:

NEW MEMBER APPROVAL: John made a motion to approve Justin Helbert, Andolina O'Lexey, and Evan Jacobs as new volunteer members. Chuck seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

AFG/SAFER/DOT/CIH Grants update

Ambulance update -Money transfer: We made the payment for the balance on the new ambulance, in the amount of \$180,775. **Debbie made a motion to transfer the funds for this payment from the Capital Improvement Fund (7212) account to the Cash (7210) account. Chuck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Employee benefit renewal update: We received health insurance renewal updates, which were sent to the board for review. A question was asked about the changes for employees and increases in deductibles compared to copays. There was discussion about being mindful of equity in benefits offered for employees with family members covered vs single employees. This is something that may not be able to be addressed right now, but to keep in mind in future benefit packages.

Property and Auto Insurance review: In reviewing our property and auto insurance plans with Webb, it was brought up that we have options to pay our premiums yearly, quarterly, or monthly. Spreading payments out may help better manage cash flows, rather than a single larger premium being paid at the end of the calendar year.

Training center work approval: Stillwater Sibanye mine had donated the engineering and fabrication of a platform to go around the confined space prop they donated several years ago and have requested that we take care of the site prep and concrete pad. They have bids from a couple contractors for that work, both for over \$30,000. We have a local bid for \$8515. Curt asked if funds for the grant account can be used to pay for the concrete. **Chuck made a motion to accept the local bid for \$8515 for the concrete work, John seconded the motion. All in favor, and motion passed.**

Executive Session: John made a motion to move into Executive Session. Chuck seconded the motion, motion was approved. **The executive session started at 18:18 and adjourned at 18:28.**

November meeting moved to the 14th? The Chiefs will be attending the VCOS Symposium and traveling back on Monday, November 13th. We would like to move the November board meeting to Tuesday, November 14th. Debbie may be out of town but can call in if needed. **Chuck made a motion to move the meeting to Tuesday, November 14th, John seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

OTHER MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Public Comment: None

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 18:30

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday November 14th, 2023 5:30 PM FIREHALL

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt



Chairman: Curt Robbins

Secretary: Debbie Parod