

**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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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

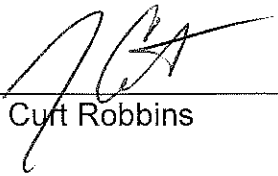
**OTHER MEMBER'S BUSINESS:**

**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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 5:30 PM FIREHALL

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt

  
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Chairman: Curt Robbins

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Secretary: Debbie Parod