

COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONTHLY MEETING Minutes

June 9th, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM.

Present Curt Robbins, Chuck Kronz, Brent Parkin, Debbie Parod, John Patterson
Fire Chief: Rich Cowger **Battalion Chief:** Travis Hansen **Admin Assistant** Lisa Westervelt
Visitors Cheyenne Turner, Travis Goddard, Mat Keating, Robert Bruner, Braden Talarico

PUBLIC COMMENT None

Presentations or Communications None

APPROVE MINUTES Minutes for the meeting on May 11th were approved as presented. Meeting notes from the Special Informational meeting were approved as presented.

TREASURER REPORT The treasurer's report was presented. See attached report. Income of \$158,860.20 which includes the county wildland tax payment, property tax income, some fuels mitigation income and ambulance revenues. Expenses were \$231,766.28, some truck repairs, and fire response costs which will be reimbursed. **There was a motion made by Chuck to pay the bills in the amount of \$231,766.28. John seconded the motion, voted all in favor, motion carried.**

CHIEF REPORT See attached.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

PCRFD/CRFD Consolidation-Committee Update. Newspaper article will be out this week. All the background work is done. Location for the public hearing has been approved at Special K. Dates for both boards to meet are to be determined, looking at possibly the end of July.

NEW MEMBER APPROVAL Ivy Snizek is a new resident, and Tanner Smith is a new volunteer member. **Debbie moved to approve Ivy Snizek and Tanner Smith as new members. Chuck seconded the motion, voted all in favor, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

- New brush truck build: Table until we get budget built
- Medical Director update: Still in the process of getting things in place for Dr. Bickmen as Medical director.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Salary Staff OT Contract:** This applies only to salaried positions and applies only to events that are reimbursable to the district (contract fire assignments) and allows the staff to be paid overtime on contract fires. **John moved to accept the contract as presented. Brent seconded the motion, voted all in favor, motion carried.**

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- **City Interlocal:** The City approved the renewal of the Interlocal agreement with a 2.9% increase, for a total of \$152,800. This will continue to be paid out quarterly. Agreement is presented for Board to approve. We will need to make a new agreement after the consolidation. Debbie moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Chuck seconded the motion, voted all in favor and motion carried.
- **Audit Contract:** We have a new 3 year contract with the auditors (Olness & Associates), fees start at \$18,000 for the first year and increase to \$22,000 for the last year. The contract will need to be redone with the consolidation, and there would be some additional expenses to get Park City's books up to date and establish budgets and baseline financials. Debbie moved to approve the contract with Olness, Chuck seconded the motion, voted all in favor and motion carried.

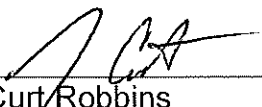
OTHER MEMBERS BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Public Comment items not on agenda: None

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM

NEXT MEETING July 13th – 5:30 PM Fire Station 944 E. Pike Ave, Columbus

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt



Chairman: Curt Robbins



Secretary: Debbie Parod