

COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes
October 13th, 2025

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

Present Curt Robbins, Chuck Kronz, Debbie Parod, Brent Parkins

Fire Chief: Rich Cowger **Assistant Fire Chief** Nick Jacobs **Admin Assistant** Lisa Westervelt

Visitors Colton Cowger, Jonathan Burke

PUBLIC COMMENT None

Presentations of Communications None

APPROVE MINUTES Minutes for the meetings of September 8th, 2025 were approved as presented.

TREASURER REPORT The treasurer's report was presented. See attached report. Income of \$252,780.52 which includes ambulance revenues, contract fire reimbursements and revenues, and quarterly payment from the city. Expenses of \$308,878.86. Expenses include payrolls and expenses for contract assignments. **There was a motion made by Chuck to pay the bills in the amount of \$308,878.86. Debbie seconded the motion, voted all in favor, motion carried.**

CHIEF REPORT See attached.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park City Fire and Ambulance/Columbus potential merger update

NEW MEMBER APPROVAL none

OLD BUSINESS

Maintenance building update – estimates: There are several items needed to complete the project at the maintenance building updates, some are outside and dependent on weather to complete. These include doors required by the State (\$3,400); finishing the lining of the inside of the building with metal (\$23,500); tie into city water/sewer and adding the oil separator (\$24,150); making bathroom ADA compliant (\$10,218); plumbing (\$8,590); electric door openers (2), moving door panels and resealing doors (\$6,700); adding 3 phase electrical service, air compressor, outdoor lighting, lighting over the doors, welder outlets (\$11,500). Will be getting a second bid for this piece as the price seems higher than expected. There is interest in finding out what the costs would be to hook up to Northwestern Energy for natural gas. Total costs for all the work is estimated at \$88,000, total not including electrical is about \$77,000. **Debbie moved to approve the work for water/sewer hookups, and the potential hookups for natural gas first, up to \$32,500. Chuck seconded the motion, voted all in favor, motion carried.**

Mechanic/Maintenance Position Update: None of the applicants for mechanics position worked out. There are a couple others who may be interested. The position will be opened back up.

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NEW BUSINESS

Utility 447 repair The engine has a rocker arm break and needs repairs. Estimate is roughly \$13,000 for cam, rocker arm, lifters, push rods – all updated to 2025 design. **Chuck moved to approve repairs up to \$13,000, Brent seconded the motion, voted all in favor, motion carried.**

Landoll Trailer Sale We don't see a need to use the large flatbed trailer we have, and have interest from folks to purchase it, with 3 offers to buy it, one for \$10,000 "as it sits." We would need to check with DNRC to find out how long we need to keep before it could be sold. May need to auction/sealed bid. Will need to see if hydraulics work.

Project priority list Will review again in more detail. The board would like to hear from Liz Loomis Public Affairs and D.A. Davidson on different funding options available for these large capital projects, and strategic planning and communications strategies for presenting mill levy and bond issues to voters and gaining voter approval.

OTHER MEMBERS BUSINESS: None

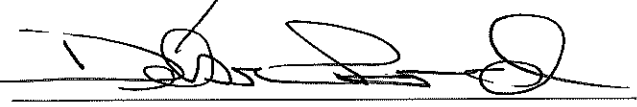
ANNOUNCEMENTS/Public Comment items not on agenda: None

ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM

NEXT MEETING November 10th, 2025 – 5:30 PM Fire Station 944 E. Pike Ave, Columbus

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt


Chairman: Curt Robbins


Secretary: Debbie Parod