

COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes

JUNE 8, 2009
5:30 pm

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 5:35 by Curt Robbins

Present: Jason, Barb Curt, Absent: Bill & Kevin
Dwight appears 5:45, Jeff 6:30

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

APPROVE MINUTES: approved

TREASURER REPORT:

Pay Bills

There are 4 items that were approved last month included in this month's bills totaling \$8,049.44. Total warrants 18,584.03. Jason moved to pay bills, Barb 2nd, all in favor

Ambulance payment

The ambulance income and expenses were discussed. We need input from ambulance association on what they want to do with their left over funds so we can get their needs budgeted properly. We will try and get a clear picture on these monies. Decided to table this until July and RC is getting the payoff amount.

Account fund transfer form

Form built by RC which is signed by 2 board members. Rich will take it to Joe for fund transfer. Form was used to transfer \$10,000 from 7210 to 7212-36500 for this month's warrants.

CHIEF REPORT: See end of this report

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Generator Grant- see chiefs report

New truck status- see chiefs report

Fire wise status-crew active, sometime they are idle if the weather is inclement. RC has other things for them to do.

NEW MEMBER APPROVAL: none to approve

OLD BUSINESS:

Department Credit Card

Curt spoke with Yellowstone Bank and found out they are just not allowing company credit cards without personal names anymore. This was discussed at length and decided Jason would draft a policy on how to get these out of pocket expenses covered.

NEW BUSINESS:

PPE purchase- we decided to approve the purchase of 2 sets of PPE from rural district and 2 sets from city. Rural cost is 4500.00. Jason made a motion to purchase, Barb 2nd, all approved. Curt suggested adding another set of gear, motion was amended by Jason to a total of 3 per rural (6750.00) and 2 per city, 2nd by Barb, all in favor .

Flooring- downstairs to be cleaned and we are getting a bid from KC Interior for tiling the areas that get the most amount of wear and tear.

Budget —Jason moved to table the budget until next month, Barb 2nd, approved

Satellite station land purchase-Jason made a motion to pursue the fire station construction grant. Barb 2nd- approved. Satellite station was discussed. Because to timing on the grant we are having a special meeting on Countryman Creek lot for sale on June 15th at 5:30 p.m.

OTHER MEMBERS BUSINESS:
AGENDA INPUT FOR NEXT MONTH

Visitor: Jeff L. said the association is hosting a raffle with prize being an \$800 gift card from Cabelas and they are selling \$10 tickets to fund association events.

ADJOURN: 7:07

NEXT MEETING: JULY 13, 2009 5:30 PM FIREHALL

Rural Fire Chiefs Report

6-8-09

1. Since the last meeting we have responded to 22 calls. They are as follows: 8 medical calls
7 facilities transports
1 Rescue
2 Structure Calls
2 wild land calls
2 Hazmat calls
2. The grant guidance is out for the fire station construction. I will go over that with you and get your feelings as to whether or not we want to pursue it.
3. Our portable radios have been delivered along with the portable repeater. We are working on the lease of some land for the 2nd repeater for county fire on the Lindemuller hill. Now that all the equipment has been received and programmed I will get this grant closed out.
4. I did receive word that we will be audited on our last 3 grants (tender, Communications, and Generator/washer). This is pretty standard operations.
5. We did receive a check from Rapeljie on the 6X6 for \$500.00. I have the title for you to sign tonight as well as a purchase agreement.
6. The new generator has been delivered and the concrete pad that it sits on installed. The Gas Company and electrical contractor need to finish the install yet.
7. I am working with Jen to get an accurate YTD statement for you for the budget. There are a couple months we are working through prior to when she started to get everything in the current format.
8. I have talked to Joe Morris from the County Finance. The State has put out notice that they are behind about three weeks in the tax assessments, so no budgets can be certified before the last week of August. It appears that values may be up slightly but nothing concrete yet.
9. Engine 426 is progressing along. The boxes have been installed and the plumbing is in progress. We have received most of the lighting/siren package and will be making an appointment to get it to Billings soon to get that installed.
10. This next month's expenses will include the Rural's share of wages for me. Just an FYI.
11. I will also be billing Beartooth RC&D for its share of the wages for myself and the fuels crew as well as the county.
12. This last week the Joliet Fire Department lost one of its members. We have volunteered to cover part of their district for them allowing them to attend the services uninterrupted.
13. I mentioned having some ideas of turn out gear purchases for this meeting. I would ask to buy 2 new sets of bunker gear complete with helmets and boot for \$2250.00 per fire fighter.
14. I also have a new Mutual Aid agreement from the BLM that I will be signing and sending in.

That's all I have tonight, unless there are any questions.

Rich Cowger

Punch List

Jason- writes policy on how our members we will deal with out of town charges ☺

Rich - get payoff amount on ambulance

& Barb -set time and date to meet with accountant and Barb to see what we want and need from our books

Bill, Jason, Rich, Curt, Barb & Kevin

-be at the special meeting 6/15 at 5:30 to inspect the lot for a possible satellite station