

# **COLUMBIA FALLS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT**

## **MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

### **CITY FIRE HALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Present: Trustees Price, Marquesen, Hawkins, Staaland, Chapin (6:11 pm). Also present: Fire Chief Weeks, Susan Nicosia
2. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - a. Approve September 2, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes – Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Staaland seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.
  - b. Approve Claims and Financial Reports – Nicosia presented the financial reports and reviewed the claims. Marquesen made a motion to approve the financial reports and claims as presented, Hawkins seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.
  - c. Contract – Loughery – Chief Weeks recommends the Board approve the contract with Loughery Construction in the amount of \$10,386 to install the trusses and complete the work on the roof prop. The trusses have been ordered directly from WBC for \$4,309. Nicosia noted that the work is being completed under the approved budget. Hawkins made motion to authorize Chief Weeks to execute the contract with Loughery Construction, second by Marquesen. All members voted in favor of the motion.
3. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND STAFF
  - a. Fire Chief Activity Report – Chief Weeks reviewed his report (attached). Weeks also noted that he has been talking to Jessica Kenzer from the MT State Fire Training Center to conduct the weeklong fire training at the Rural Facility this spring, providing local Firefighter 1 training. Board Trustee Hawkins asked the Chief to invite the Board to watch the scheduled training.
4. ADJOURN – meeting duly adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

  
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District Chairman

Attest:

  
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District Secretary

# Columbia Falls Rural Fire Protection Chief's Report 1/10/22



1. CFFD currently has 28 volunteer firefighters on the roster. We have 1 additional applicant that we will be interviewing next Wednesday.
2. Last year we responded to 361 calls for service, up from 305 in 2020. On average each firefighter responded to 76 calls or 21.17%. Included in the total were 21 structure fires and 17 wildland fires with only 2.88 acres burned. We responded to 43 non-injury MVA's 18 injury MVA's of which 3 required extrication.
3. Water & Environmental Technologies has completed the certification for the rural fill station. Now we are waiting to hear from ISO to see if they need anything additional.
4. The building site has been leveled and the containers are on site for the roof prop. The trusses have been ordered from WBC for \$4,309. They are supposed to be delivered on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Shawn Loughery gave an estimate of \$10,386 for completing the install of the trusses and all other work to finish the prop. He will begin work around February 1<sup>st</sup> and be completed no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>.
5. The battery powered extrication tools that were included in the budget have been ordered with an estimated ship date of February 1<sup>st</sup>. These were paid for with a combination of Rural, City, and Donated funds.
6. We are forming a committee to work on the volunteer to combination department transition. It will be made up of the Public Safety Committee from the City Council, Firefighters, Susan, myself, and we need at least 1 volunteer from the Rural Board. Our first meeting will be Monday January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the City Council chambers. There will also be a training presented by Chief John Buckman out of Indiana. We are still working on the schedule for this training but it will be on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

