

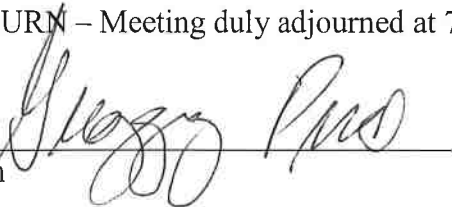
COLUMBIA FALLS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.

CITY FIRE HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Acting Chair Chapin called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Present: Chapin, Marquesen, Hawkins, and Staland. Absent: Price. Also present: Fire Chief Weeks, City Manager Susan Nicosia, Assistant Fire Chief Brad Peterson, and Fireman Ryan Smith
2. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - a. Approve January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes – Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Staland. Motion carried with all members voting in favor of the motion.
 - b. Approve Claims and Financial Reports – Nicosia reviewed the financial reports, expenditures through May and revenues through April. Marquesen made motion to approve the reports, as corrected for expenditure coding, Hawkins seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.
3. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Review and Approve Rural Share of paid firefighters – 22-23 FY – In preparation for the 22-23 FY budget, Nicosia and Weeks presented the plan to hire three paid firefighters during the 22-23 FY at a cost of approximately \$90k each (salary/benefits). Nicosia reported that the Rural Board currently pays for ½ the fire chief position. Nicosia also noted that capital expenditures are split based on taxable value and call counts. Board discussion ensued on the appropriate share of the paid firefighters. Weeks noted that the City will hold off hiring the full time firefighters while waiting for a decision on the City’s SAFER grant application which would pay the majority of the costs of the new firefighters. After board discussion, Marquesen made motion to agree to pay for 1/3 of the cost of the new firefighters, with further review of the expenditures at the next Board meeting, Hawkins seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.
4. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND STAFF
 - a. Fire Chief Activity Report - Chief Weeks presented his report (attached).
5. ADJOURN – Meeting duly adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Chairman



Attest:

Secretary



Columbia Falls Rural Fire Protection Chief's Report 5/23/22



1. CFFD currently has 29 volunteer firefighters on the roster. We have 1 additional applicant that we will be interviewing next month.
2. The vertical ventilation prop has been completed and we are in the midst of hosting the first ever state sanctioned FF1 academy in Flathead County. We have 2 CFFD members, 4 KFD, 1 Ferndale, and 1 Helena Firefighters attending. It has been a phenomenal class and everyone attending including the instructors is very thankful for the state of the art facility that has been provided. We have a couple minor additions that have been suggested but nothing major.
3. The battery powered extrication tools that were included in the budget have arrived and we used them for the first time last week. They are amazing and greatly expedite the extrication process.

Columbia Falls Fire Department Incident Breakdown

	2022												2022													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Dispatches	20	18	23	28									89	Dispatches												
ALS Medical Total	2	1	0	0									3	ALS Medical Total												
BLS Medical Total	3	5	7	7									22	BLS Medical Total												
Medical CPR	2	0	0	0									2	Medical CPR												
Medical ALS	0	0	0	0									0	Medical ALS												
Medical BLS	3	0	0	2									5	Medical BLS												
Medical Lift Assist	0	0	0	1									1	Medical Lift Assist												
MVA with injury	2	1	3	1									7	MVA with injury												
Extrication	1	1	0	0									2	Extrication												
Ambulance Driver	0	0	0	0									0	Ambulance Driver												
MVA non injury	0	5	4	3									12	MVA non injury												
Airport Emergency	0	0	0	0									0	Airport Emergency												
Traffic Control	0	0	0	0									0	Traffic Control												
HazMat	0	1	1	1									3	HazMat												
Hazardous Conditions	3	1	2	1									7	Hazardous Conditions												
CO	1	0	0	0									1	CO												
Gas Leak/Odor inside	0	1	0	0									1	Gas Leak/Odor inside												
Gas Leak/Odor outside	0	0	0	1									1	Gas Leak/Odor outside												
Powerline	2	1	1	2									6	Powerline												
Other	0	1	0	0									1	Other												
Service	0	1	0	0									1	Service												
Good Intent	0	1	1	3									5	Good Intent												
Fire Alarm	0	0	0	1									1	Fire Alarm												
False Alarm	4	3	3	0									10	False Alarm												
Illegal burn	1	0	1	0									2	Illegal burn												
Smoke Investigation, outside	0	0	0	0									0	Smoke Investigation, outside												
Smoke Investigation, inside	0	1	0	1									2	Smoke Investigation, inside												
Cancelled enroute	6	1	3	8									18	Cancelled enroute												
Fire, residential	0	1	3	2									6	Fire, residential												
Fire, chimney	0	0	0	0									0	Fire, chimney												
Fire, commercial	1	0	1	0									2	Fire, commercial												
Fire, vehicle	0	1	0	2									3	Fire, vehicle												
Fire, vegetation, grass	0	0	1	1									2	Fire, vegetation, grass												
Fire, vegetation, wildland	0	0	1	0									1	Fire, vegetation, wildland												
Dispatch Totals	20	18	23	28									89	Dispatch Totals												
Structure fires	1	1	3	2									7	Structure fires												
Acres burned	0	0	3.96	0.09									4.05	Acres burned												