

**CASCADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2024**

Larry Scarborough called the special commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District to order at 5:28 p.m. at the 109 East Pine Street Fire Station.

The following Cascade Rural Fire Protection District officials were present: Commissioner Larry Scarborough, Commissioner LaDawn Saxton, Commissioner Mike Arnold, Fire Chief Steven Hull, Emergency Medical Services Director Keri Rueth, and Secretary / Treasurer Pam DeChambeau.

Mike Arnold made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LaDawn Saxton made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2024 special Commissioner's meeting, and the November 14, 2024 regular Commissioner's meeting, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of the bills dated December 11, 2024, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried

Steven Hull reported the 2024 Assistance to Firefighters grant has been submitted for a Type 6 wildland truck in the amount of \$385,000 with a grant match in the amount of \$41,249.

Keri Rueth reported on the Valley Countywide EMS District drafting a training calendar and on continuing the quality improvement and quality assurance training every other month with Cascade, Donnelly, McCall, and the new Medical Director Curt Meske.

Steven Hull reported nineteen (19) incidents for the month of November 2024 and reported the average for November is thirty-one (31). Reported on attending meetings. Presented for review a new pay policy to begin January 1, 2025. Reported on new volunteer employees and scheduling simultaneous new volunteer employee training.

Keri Rueth reported on Pulse Point, a 911-connected mobile app that allows users to view and receive live alerts of calls being responded to by fire departments and emergency medical services. Reported the app aims to have bystanders trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation help cardiac arrest victims before emergency crews arrive, which can increase their chance of survival. Reported the Valley County EMS District will pay the \$8,000 annual fee, but is not in a position to pay upfront so St. Lukes McCall Memorial Foundation has offered to help. Reported on meeting with St Luke's McCall and reported on a local area resident that wanted to donate to help with training and training equipment for the EMS departments in Valley County, New Meadows, and Riggins. Reported the resident donated \$180,000 for training and training equipment. Reported on the higher financial need in New Meadows and Riggins, and on Valley County receiving \$15,000 for training manikins that will be located in Donnelly. Reported on

hosting a Prehospital Trauma Life Support certification course. Reported on the course online portion, the skills day portion on December 19, and that it is a four year certification.

The Independent Contractor Agreement for Medical Director effective January 1, 2025 with Doctor Curt Meske was reviewed. Keri Rueth reported on the current medical director agreement ending December 31, 2024 with Doctor Ron Ellsworth, and reported no changes to the agreement with Doctor Curt Meske. Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the Medical Director Independent Contractor Agreement with Meske Physician Services PLLC in the amount of \$400.00 per month, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steven Hull reported on the Assistance to Firefighters grant 2024 authorization to engage and account access authorization for submitting the grant. Reported the JMCM Consulting fee will be \$21,000, the grant award applied for is \$366,667 with a \$18,000 grant match for a Type 6 wildland truck. Reported on researching a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant for a compact, modular firefighting system that carries water tanks, pumps, and hoses for wildland firefighting. Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the Assistance to Firefighters grant 2024 authorization to engage and account access authorization, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the special commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela J. DeChambeau
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:



Larry V. Scarborough
Chair