

**CASCADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES  
January 12, 2023**

Commissioner Larry Scarborough called the commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District to order at 5:03 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.

Mike Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022 regular Commissioner's meeting, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pam DeChambeau reviewed updates to the revenue and expenditure report and reported on donations received in memory of Jerry Winkle and in memory of Bob and Margaret Brasley. Larry Scarborough made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and payment of the bills dated January 12, 2023, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Steven Hull reported the 2004 Polaris snowmobile that was declared surplus property August 11, 2022 was sold today for \$2,500.00. Reported on attending avalanche training last Friday with the Payette Powder Guides and the Search and Rescue Hasty Avalanche Team. Reported a good training, an entire day adventure on Lick Creek Summit and the first training for the Search and Rescue Hasty Avalanche Team.

Keri Rueth reported the mechanical chest compression device was purchased and will arrive next week for Medic 2. Reported the same device is on Medic 1 and a grant was received from the Idaho Emergency Medical Services Bureau in the amount of \$16,000 for the device. Reported on the first mandatory case review training with Medical Director Dr. Ellsworth held by Zoom and reported on bringing back on a couple Treasure Valley Protocols at the training.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Steven Hull reported thirty-nine (39) incidents for the month of December 2022, and reported the average for December is thirty-three (33) incidents. Reported on finishing the year with 440 incidents, up 18 incidents from last year. Reported a big year last year, the Watkins Pharmacy structure fire, several vehicle accidents requiring extrication, thirty

(30) more medical calls, the Four Corners wildfire, and the election for a permanent tax levy override. Reported on a meeting scheduled next week with the Valley County Commissioners and the Donnelly and McCall fire departments to discuss emergency medical services budget and funding. Reported it is the county's responsibility to fund emergency medical services and the burden has been carried by the fire districts to make ends meet. Reported on not receiving any applications for the open position of Paramedic / Firefighter at the salary offered. Reported Valley County is providing only half of the funding that is needed. Reported on the difference in wages of the emergency medical services personnel between the three fire districts in the county for the same emergency medical services provided, and reported on proposing a similar wage for the emergency medical services personnel at the three fire districts. Reported on requesting an additional \$500,000 for each fire district for operations from Valley County. Reported on the Assistance to Firefighters grant cycle being open and on applying for a wildland engine and equipment. Reported on the plan to apply for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant. Reported the grant is for hiring a first-year firefighter, the base salary, and the standard benefit package, for up to thirty-six (36) months, and there is no cost share/match.

Keri Rueth reported on the research completed to propose an increase in emergency medical services fees; the Treat and Release fee, the Basic Life Support – Emergency fee, the Advanced Life Support Level 1 – Emergency fee, the Advanced Life Support Level 2 – Emergency fee, and the milage fees. Reported on increasing the fees twelve percent (12%). Reported on the healthy aging in place study completed by Boise State University recommending utilizing Community Paramedics. Reported on the department being able to provide Community Paramedicine but reported on the lack of funding for Community Paramedicine. Reported on planning meetings to discuss funding for Community Paramedicine.

Resolution 23-05 declaring the 2002 Dodge Dakota Pickup surplus property was reviewed. Steven Hull reported the Assistance to Firefighters grant for a wildland engine was not awarded. Presented and requested to purchase a 2021 Ram Quad Cab 1500 Pickup with a camper shell to replace the 2002 Dodge Dakota Pickup, with the budgeted funds for the grant match for the wildland engine not awarded, in the amount of \$41,700.00. Reported on receiving a trade-in allowance in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the 2002 Dodge Dakota Pickup. Mike Arnold made a motion to approve Resolution 23-05 declaring the 2002 Dodge Dakota Pickup surplus property, and Larry Scarborough seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Agreement for Ambulance and Medical Transportation Billing Services with Cammack Medical Billing, Inc. was reviewed. Keri Rueth reported no changes to the agreement. Larry Scarborough made a motion to enter into the annual Agreement for Ambulance and Medical Transportation Billing Services with Cammack Medical Billing, Inc., in the amount of 7.5 percent of the monthly revenue received by the provider on accounts billed by Cammack Medical Billing, Inc., for 2023, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The notice of regular meetings was reviewed. Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the notice of regular meetings that states the fire district regular meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the 109 East Pine Street fire station at 5:30 p.m., for 2023, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution 23-04, a resolution calling for a special tax levy election to submit the question to increase the property tax levy revenues six hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) was reviewed. Discussion followed on requesting funds to hire six additional employees, to hire an Assistant Fire Chief and to increase the Secretary / Treasurer position to full-time. Discussion followed on not hiring an Assistant Fire Chief and not increasing the Secretary / Treasurer position to full-time. Discussion followed on providing more and continued information to voters for a permanent tax levy override election and the avenues to provide the information to the voters. This item will be on the next regular meeting agenda Thursday, February 9, 2023.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 688 Warm Lake Road, for Charles and Barbara Jamerson, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$135.89, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 700 Warm Lake Road, for Susan Leeper, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$417.84, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 231 Tripod View Drive, for Jan W. and Tammy de Weerd Trust, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$256.43, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 151 Pointes Road, for John and Donna L. Stellmon, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$403.45, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 250 and 270 4<sup>th</sup> Street, for John and Teri Coombs, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$212.66, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 9756 Harnden Drive, for Thomas M. Sheehan Living Trust and Sydne F. Sheehan, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$96.99, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 9817 Highway 55, for Brennon and Jerrilyn Newell, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$150.64, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 351 Duffers Lane, for Charles and Carolyn Gowing, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 1, 2023, in the amount of 184.27, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 9822 Highway, for James and Terry Hewitt, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$327.76, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 9793 Edna Place, for Ronald and Denise Findley, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$230.98, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 9780 Moore Drive, for Shiverick Family Trust, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$154.34, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 730 Warm Lake Road, for Montego Properties LC, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$210.89, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 135 Pointes Road, for Rebecca Jane Blair Revocable Trust, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$339.94, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 56 Smith's Ferry Drive, for Michael and Danielle Hudson-Drake, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$217.12, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 167 Pointes Road, for Stephen and Cindy Bramel, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$72.45, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 9596 Packer John Road, for Steven and Angeline Simmons, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$110.96, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 9771 Highway 55, for Patrick and Stacy Willis, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$226.36, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 9793 Harnden Drive, for Greene 2000 Revocable Trust and James F. Kirch, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$235.41, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 9785 Edna Place, for Jason and Kimberly Mora, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$92.04, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela J. DeChambeau  
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:



Larry V. Scarborough  
Chairperson