

**CASCADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES  
August 8, 2024**

Commissioner Larry Scarborough called the commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District to order at 5:33 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.

Pam DeChambeau reported on the agenda posting and the request to add Executive Session 74-206 (1)(b). Larry Scarborough made a motion to add Executive Session Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(b), and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2024 regular, and the July 10 and July 15 special Commissioner's meetings as presented, and Larry Scarborough seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and payment of the bills dated August 8, 2024, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Steven Hull reported on meeting with Attorney Bill Gigray about a fee being charged and collected on new construction homes that request a fire protection services agreement, property outside the Fire District boundaries. Discussed the service fee being collected on fire protection services agreements and being a one-time charge. Discussed charging the service fee under the same criteria as an impact fee. Reported on charging the service fee on new construction when a fire protection services agreement is requested. Reported the expenditure of the service fees are not tied to impact fee expenditure rules. Reported on the advice of Attorney Bill Gigray to provide fire protection services agreements to property outside the Fire District boundaries and not to annex those properties. Reported waiting for a second quote from A-1 Heating to repair the air conditioning unit at 109 East Pine Street station. Reported on the annual review of the insurance policy and on increasing the guaranteed replacement values for Medic 2 and Rescue 1, and on waiting for the updated annual policy premium amount. Requested and rescheduled the budget public hearing to Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Mike Arnold suggested another follow-up on Thunder Mountain Burgers having Mid-State Fire Protection repair the kitchen hood suppression system for fire code compliance

Keri Rueth reported on award of an Idaho Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness grant for a medical rescue vehicle in the amount of \$115,000 and for six very high frequency portable radios in the amount of \$13,977.24.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Steven Hull reported forty-four (44) incidents for the month of July 2024 and reported the average for July is fifty-eight (58). Steven Hull reported the Wolf Creek wildfire, north of Four Corners on the backside, is 1,153 acres, 21 percent contained, and zones 7 and 8 are in the ready stage for evacuation. Reported the Boulder wildfire is 1,366 acres and 6 percent contained. Reported the Dollar Creek wildfire is 1,065 acres and 0 percent contained. Reported the Snag wildfire is 7,500 acres and 0 percent contained. Reported Warm Lake Road is closed at Horsethief Reservoir turnoff and Horsethief and Warm Lake residents are in the ready stage for evacuation. Reported on the team managing the six wildfires with the Bull Trout wildfire and the Wapiti wildfire. Reported Stage I Fire Restriction measures for the West Central Mountains.

Keri Rueth reported the Valley Countywide EMS District Commissioners have hired a communication specialist to help with the navigation and promotion of a permanent levy increase election in November, and reported on material being put together, pushed out, and moving forward quicker. Reported if the permanent levy increase does not pass in November, the Valley Countywide EMS District Commissioners will probably hold a temporary levy increase election May 2025 for funding. Reported on having a table with information about the permanent levy increase election in November at the Valley County Fair. Reported on the Valley Countywide EMS District survey that is set up. Reported on requesting additional funding from the Valley County Commissioners to the McCall, Donnelly, and Cascade Fire Districts for providing emergency medical services.

Mike Arnold made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 9799 Highway 55, for Laurien and Luana Dutremble, for the period July 11, 2024 to December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$4.68, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (b), and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Larry Scarborough, aye; LaDawn Saxton, aye; Mike Arnold, aye. Motion carried. The executive session convened at 6:09 p.m. to consider personnel matters. LaDawn Saxton made a motion to exit the executive session, and Larry Scarborough seconded the motion. Roll call vote: LaDawn Saxton, aye; Mike Arnold, aye; Larry Scarborough, aye. Motion carried. Executive session adjourned at 6:19 p.m. No decisions were made in the executive session.

There being no further business, the commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela J. DeChambeau  
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:



Larry V. Scarborough  
Chairperson