

**CASCADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2022**

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 La Dawn Saxton, Commissioner Mike Arnold, Emergency Medical Services Director Keri Rueth, Secretary / Treasurer Pam DeChambeau, and an excused absence for Fire Chief Steven Hull.

Mike Arnold made a motion to approve the agenda, and Larry Scarborough seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to amend the agenda and remove Public Comment from the agenda, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LaDawn Saxton made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2022 regular Commissioner's meeting, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Arnold made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and payment of the bills dated September 8, 2022, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Keri Rueth reporting for Steven Hull reported on the notices of the combined public hearings with the City of Cascade to establish new development impact fees not being published in the newspaper correctly, and on the notices being republished with the rescheduled date of Monday, October 3, 2022 at 6 p.m. at Cascade City Hall, 105 South Main Street. Reported on Valley County moving forward with establishing impact fees and on waiting on Valley County to approve development of the Valley County Impact Fee Advisory Committee. Reported the new snowmobile was picked up and is at the Clear Creek Fire Station that was requested and approved from Title III funds from Valley County. Reported on PANO, a company using technology to enhance detection, confirmation, monitoring and alerting to combat wildfires and reported on PANO moving forward with an agreement with the City of Cascade to install cameras on the water towers on the center ridge above town. Reported on receiving a presentation from PANO on the cameras and on how the detection for smoke works.

Keri Rueth reported on the 2007 Ford Ambulance being picked up by and sold to a company from Kalispell Montana in the amount of \$40,000. Reported the Valley County Emergency Medical Services District budget public hearing was held August 23, 2022

and no public was present and the proposed budget passed without any further discussions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Keri Rueth reporting for Steven Hull reported fifty-seven (57) incidents for the month of August 2022, and reported the average for August is fifty-two (52) incidents. Reported the 4 Corners wildfire this morning is at 13,681 acres with fifty five percent (55%) containment.

Keri Rueth presented the informational flyer about the special tax levy election and reported the flyer will be mailed tomorrow. Reported on the open houses scheduled for Monday, September 19 and Wednesday, October 19 at the 109 East Pine Street Fire Station from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Reported on eight (8) more pages of factual information that will be at the open houses. Reported on the Cascade Fire Community Fund providing, developing, and mailing the informational flyer.

Larry Scarborough reported volunteer employees Jeff and Ann Forster will be leaving Yellow Pine September 26, 2022. Reported on a rescue equipment company offering to supply all the equipment needed for the Valley County Search and Rescue truck in Yellow Pine. Reported Jeff and Ann Forster will drive the rescue truck from Yellow Pine to his house September 26 and reported on the plan to repair the ignition.

There being no further business, the commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela J. DeChambeau
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:



Larry V. Scarborough
Chairperson