

**CASCADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2021**

The commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District was called to order by Commissioner Larry Scarborough at 5:18 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.

A motion was made by LaDawn Saxton to approve the agenda and Larry Scarborough seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Arnold to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2021 special Commissioner's meeting and the February 11, 2021 regular Commissioner's meeting as presented, and Larry Scarborough seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Larry Scarborough to approve the Treasurer's Report and payment of the bills dated March 11, 2021, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Steven Hull reported on contracting with Galena Consulting, Inc. to prepare a capital improvement plan to develop an impact fee to pay for required improvements in the amount of \$8,000.00. Reported the fee to prepare the capital improvement plan increased to \$9,000.00 because one Fire District, Donnelly Rural Fire Protection District, is not choosing to prepare a capital improvement plan. Reported on Senate Bill 1108 that proposes to limit our annual budget increase to four (4) percent and reported the current status is it did not have a third reading but is retained on the calendar. Reported on Highway 55 road construction resuming and the road closing from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Monday thru Thursday between Smith's Ferry and Rainbow Bridge. Reported on receiving reimbursement from Idaho Department of Lands for the Rural Fire Capacity grant in the amount of \$4,369.55 for a chain saw, portable pump and two hand-held radios, and reported the required a ten percent (10%) match was \$486.00.

Keri Rueth reported the Idaho Emergency Medical Services Agency License was renewed and expires April 30, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steven Hull reported 28 incidents for the month of February 2021 and reported the average is 26 for February. Reported the Valley County Fire Working Group is working on developing twenty (20) Firewise grants in the amount of \$500.00 each for individual landowners to remove fuels around their property that can create increased heat and exposure to their home in the event of a grass, brush, or forest fire. Reported on a proposed timeline of applications due in May with the project completed the end of August. Reported the Valley County Fire Working Group is building fire pre-attack and strategy plans for the wildland area around Cascade. Reported on Valley County Planning and Zoning requesting the three fire departments standardized the Subdivision requirements for water tanks and water supply and reported on beginning the process of standardizing requirements for water supply for Subdivisions outside of a water hydrant area.

Keri Rueth reported on receiving an equipment grant from Idaho Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$11,000.00 to purchase a cardiopulmonary resuscitation device, a mechanical chest compression-decompression system, in the amount of \$19,000.00. Reported on meeting with the Valley County Emergency Medical Services Administrative Council and discussing and reviewing the emergency medical services study completed and the data in the study. Reported on planning to standardize the duties of the Medical Director, using the same Medical Supervision Plan, and paying the same compensation to the Medical Director for Cascade, Donnelly, and McCall. Reported on following the same emergency medical services protocols, the Treasure Valley Protocols, for medical calls, procedures, and medications. Reported on patients receiving the same standard of care throughout the county. Reported on having the same training with sheets and expectations signed-off on quarterly and biannually for the Medical Director. Reported on having the same incident reporting system. Reported McCall uses a different incident reporting program at a cost and Cascade and Donnelly use the free incident reporting program through the State of Idaho. Reported on reviewing incidents countywide. Reported McCall, Donnelly and Cascade have different billing modules. Presented and reviewed the current emergency medical services fee schedule. Presented and reviewed the Medicare allowable fees for emergency medical services. Discussion followed on the contract with Blue Cross of Idaho for facility services at negotiated rates. Discussion followed on the current fee schedule for emergency medical services.

Keri Rueth presented a letter requesting forgiveness of the amount due after insurance payments for emergency medical services and reported on forgiving an amount due for this patient in the past. Reported the total amount past due is unknown. This item will be on the next regular meeting agenda. Keri Rueth presented a past due emergency medical services billing after Medicaid payments for incident 20-292 and reported on the patient's inability to pay. A motion was made by Larry Scarborough to write the balance due off after Medicaid payments for emergency medical services for incident 20-292, and to allow the Emergency Medical Services Director to continue to write the balance due off after Medicaid payments for future emergency medical services responses, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Keri Rueth presented a past due

emergency medical services billing for incident 20-307 and reported on the patient's inability to pay. A motion was made by Larry Scarborough to write the balance due off for emergency medical services for incident 20-307, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Keri Rueth presented a letter requesting forgiveness of the amount due after Medicare payments and a personal payment for emergency medical services. A motion was made by Larry Scarborough accept the letter and forgive the amount of \$1,286.00 due for emergency medical services, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Keri Rueth presented five past due emergency medical services billings to send to the collection agent. A motion was made by LaDawn Saxton to send the five past due emergency medical services billings presented to the collection agent, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the regular commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela J. DeChambeau
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:



Larry V. Scarborough
Chairman