

**CASCADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
REGULAR COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES  
December 10, 2020**

The commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District was called to order by Commissioner Larry Scarborough at 5:08 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 the agenda item Paramedic School Funding Proposal was posted late in error. A motion was made by Larry Scarborough to amend the agenda to add Paramedic School Funding Proposal, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Larry Scarborough to approve the agenda as amended, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Larry Scarborough to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2020 regular Commissioner's meeting, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pam DeChambeau reported the amount paid to Mile High Power Sports will need to be verified. A motion was made by Larry Scarborough to approve the Treasurer's Report as amended above, and payment of the bills dated December 10, 2020, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Steven Hull reported the 2006 Spartan fire truck received from Ada County is just about ready to be placed in-service and reported on waiting for receipt of the title for the fire truck from Ada County.

Keri Rueth reported no response yet on the Community Health Two-Year Planning grant for the Community Paramedic Program submitted by Cascade Medical Center.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Steven Hull reported 32 incidents for the month of November 2020 and 412 incidents year-to-date. Reported on the Valley County Commissioners discussing Impact Fees, being interested in implementing Impact Fees and planning to discuss Impact Fees with the cities of Cascade, Donnelly, and McCall. Reported on the high number of propane tank inspections and the lack of communication to the homeowner of the required

equipment for an approved inspection. Reported there will not be a Christmas party this year due to the pandemic and reported on purchasing mugs for employees.

Keri Rueth reported on the Valley County Emergency Medical Services District Administrative Committee meeting. Reported on discussing and reviewing the emergency medical services study completed and the data in the study. Reported on planning to review and revise the by-laws of the Emergency Medical Services District and planning to forecast funding needs for the Emergency Medical Services District over the next five to ten years. Reported on discussing stricter department policies to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Reported on two employees being out due to COVID-19, on current employees covering the shifts of the employees out due to COVID-19, and on submitting reimbursement for overtime and sick time paid due to COVID-19 from the Cares Act Provider Relief Fund. Reported on slowly receiving personal protective equipment, on gloves being on back order for over two months, and on the cost of gloves increasing 400 percent.

Gavin Courtney, a full-time Emergency Medical Technician and Firefighter, presented his paramedic program proposal, requested financial support, and presented three options for funding and on-going commitment and obligation to the Department. Keri Rueth reported the Department currently offers up to \$10,000.00 for paramedic tuition and related expenses for three years of service back to the Department after obtaining State of Idaho paramedic certification. Reported she holds trust and value in Gavin and knows he will complete paramedic certification and suggested offering \$10,000.00 by paying 7,500.00 when accepted into the paramedic program and paying \$2,500.00 with a three-year service commitment contract after obtaining State of Idaho paramedic certification. Reported in the service commitment contract if an employee terminates employment earlier than three years, repayment is due back to the department, pro-rated, according to the 36-month service commitment contract. Discussion followed on a \$7,500.00 reimbursement being a two-year service commitment contract and a \$10,000.00 reimbursement being a three-year service commitment contract. A motion was made by Mike Arnold to accept 75%, Option B, for Gavin Courtney, paying \$7,500.00 up front with a two-year service commitment contract after obtaining State of Idaho paramedic certification, and upon completion and certification he may apply for reimbursement for \$2,500.00 and the service commitment contract may be renegotiated at that time, and Larry Scarborough seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Donation Agreement and Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnification Agreement with Yellow Pine Fire Protection District for receipt of the 1992 Kovatch fire truck was reviewed. Steven Hull reported Resolution 21-01, declaring the 1992 Kovatch fire truck surplus property and granting to Yellow Pine Fire Protection District was approved at the last regular Commissioner's meeting. A motion was made by Mike Arnold to sign the Donation Agreement and Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnification Agreement with Yellow Pine Fire Protection District donating the 1992 Kovatch fire truck, and Larry Scarborough seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steven Hull reported on the meeting with and the letter from Attorney Matthew Johnson with White Peterson Attorneys at Law discussing the legalities of discontinuing use of the 671 West Mountain Road fire sub-station. Reported Idaho Code does not have specific requirements related to the closure of a fire station and there is no legal requirement for a notice, public hearing, or public comment. Reported the level of service to the properties in the area of the 671 West Mountain Road fire sub-station does not change by eliminating the fire sub-station. Reported the level of service to the properties in the area of the 671 West Mountain Road fire sub-station has nothing to do with the fire sub-station or the equipment in the fire sub-station. Reported on not using any apparatus from the fire sub-station and on no staff living in the area to respond to operate the apparatus. Discussed the annual costs for the sub-station not being a good use of funds. Steven Hull reported on the plan to winterize the two trucks, turn off the heat to the building, not plow the snow from the road into the building and vacate by April 2021. Reported on informing the owner of the 671 West Mountain Road property of the sub-lease for the use of the building and about the plan to cease to use and occupy the building.

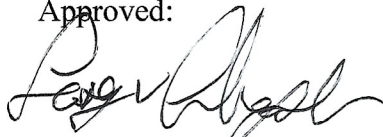
There being no further business, the regular commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela J. DeChambeau  
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:



Larry V. Scarborough  
Chairman