

**CASCADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES  
June 8, 2023**

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.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough opened the public hearing and stated the hearing was to consider public comments on establishing Fire Prevention Fees. Reported the fire prevention fees types are: Preliminary Plat, Final Plat, Planned Unit Development, Zoning Change, Fire Code Plan Review & Inspection, Rural Access & Water Supply Inspection, Fire Sprinkler Plan Review & Inspection, Fire Alarm System Plan Review & Inspection, Fire Sprinkler & Alarm Systems Reinspection, Fireworks Stand Inspection, Daycare Inspection, Short Term Rental Inspection +1 Reinspection, and Short Term Rental Reinspection >2. Stated the notice of the public hearing was published for two weeks in The Star-News on May 25 and June 1, 2023. Stated no members of the public were present and no written correspondence has been received commenting on the proposed fees. The new fire prevention fees were reviewed. Larry Scarborough closed the public hearing.

Steven Hull reported a correction on page two, fourth paragraph, last sentence to, levy rate .04 percent, not .02 percent. Mike Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2023 regular Commissioner's meeting as amended, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and payment of the bills dated June 8, 2023, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Steven Hull reported the motorcycle club's motorcycle rodeo fundraiser event scheduled this Saturday, June 10, 2023 to benefit the Cascade Fire Community Fund had multiple venue cancellations but successfully found a new venue in Smith's Ferry. Reported the election results for a permanent tax levy override in the amount of \$650,000 were 375 for and 337 against, which is 53 percent for and 47 percent against, and need 67 percent to pass. Reported on holding another election May 2024 for a permanent tax levy override. Reported on not being able to sustain a fire response with all volunteer employees. Reported on a permanent tax levy override to fund three employees. Reported in

November 2023 the Valley County Emergency Medical Services District will be holding an election to dissolve the current district and create a new district with a higher tax rate. Currently property owners pay \$12.00 per \$100,000 of taxable value and the new emergency medical services district would cost property owners \$40 per \$100,000 of taxable value.

Larry Scarborough reviewed Resolution 23-06 to amend and increase the 2022-2023 budget \$250,000 to include funds received in lieu of taxes from Valley County for the contract to provide emergency medical services. Reported the amendment will increase the contract services – Valley County EMS District revenue line item \$250,000 and will increase the gross wages expenditure line item \$50,540, the payroll taxes and pension plan expenditure line item \$10,064, and the capital improvement expenditure line item \$189,396. Reported the public hearing to amend and increase the budget was held on Thursday, May 11, 2023. Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve Resolution 23-06 to amend and increase the 2022-2023 budget in the amount of \$250,000 to include funds received in lieu of taxes from Valley County for the contract to provide to provide emergency medical services, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Steven Hull reported on attending the Idaho Fire Chiefs Association conference in Sun Valley May 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. Reported the conference was good and well attended, with the largest turn-out. Reported on trying to get more volunteer departments to join the association. Reported on working on volunteer recruitment and on trying to get the State of Idaho to pass legislation to promote volunteering. Reported on other States promoting volunteering, and providing a tax break or a fishing and hunting license, or something along those lines. Reported in order for the Valley County Emergency Medical Services District to hold an election to dissolve the current district and create a new district it must have a resolution from the cities in the county agreeing to be a part of the new district, and it must provide a petition with eighty (80) signatures to request to be on the November 2023 ballot. Discussed the leading benefit of a newly created emergency medical services district is having a three (3) member board of commissioners that are not the Board of Valley County Commissioners. Reported on beginning work on the budget for next year.

Keri Rueth reported an update on the Idaho Emergency Medical Services Sustainability Task Force, a comprehensive group of subject matter experts working together to find solutions to the challenges facing those who provide the emergency medical response throughout Idaho. Reported on the group presenting to the Idaho Legislature in January 2024 to request to designate emergency medical services as an essential service in Idaho and to provide cost sharing statewide funding to help support all districts in Idaho.

Steven Hull reviewed Resolution 23-07 establishing fire prevention fees. The fire prevention fee for Preliminary Plat Review is \$200, for Final Plat Review is \$200, for Planned Unit Development Review is \$200, for Zoning Change is \$100, for Fire Code Plan Review & Inspection is twenty percent (20%) of the building permit fee, for Rural Access & Water Supply Inspection is \$75, for Fire Sprinkler Plan Review & Inspection is

\$200 plus \$2.50 per device, for Fire Alarm System Plan Review & Inspection is \$175 plus \$4.50 per device, for Fire Sprinkler & Alarm Systems Reinspection is \$75, for Fireworks Stand Inspection is \$25, for Daycare Inspection is \$25, for Short Term Rental Inspection +1 Reinspection is \$270, and for Short Term Rental Reinspection >2 is \$75. Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve Resolution 23-07, the establishment of fire preventions fees, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Arnold made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 9809 Highway 55, for Ron and Dana Motta, for the period June 8, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$51.36, 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 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela J. DeChambeau  
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:



Larry V. Scarborough  
Chairperson