

**CASCADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES  
March 9, 2023**

Commissioner Larry Scarborough called the commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District to order at 5:30 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.

LaDawn Saxton made a motion to approve the agenda, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2023 regular Commissioner's meeting, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steven Hull reported the donor who wishes to remain anonymous of the \$10,000 was in regard to the tax levy override election not passing. Larry Scarborough made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as is and payment of the bills dated March 9, 2023, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Steven Hull reported Cindy with JMCM Consulting stated the fire department would not be able to apply for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant, for staffing for thirty-six (36) months through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, until there is a solid explanation for funding sources. Reported until a tax levy is passed for sustainable income JMCM Consulting will not apply for the grant. Reported on requesting the average assessed value of a home in the Fire District from Valley County.

Keri Rueth reported at the last regular meeting the proposed increase in emergency medical services fees was presented for a ten percent (10%) proposed increase. Presented establishing a new charge for ambulance standby service to better service private events. Presented establishing a new Ambulance Standby Fee for private events in the amount of \$250 for one (1) to four (4) hours of service, and \$500 for a full day of service. Reported community service events would not be charged, only private events. Requested and received approval to schedule a public hearing for the proposed increase in emergency medical services fees and for establishing a new Ambulance Standby Fee at the next regular meeting Thursday, April 13, 2023. Announced Gavin Courtney is officially licensed in the State of Idaho as a Paramedic! Reported Gavin Courtney will work with Patrick Willis until he is comfortable with the new level of skills he is providing. Reported on the upcoming open position of Emergency Medical Technician / Firefighter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Steven Hull reported thirteen (13) incidents for the month of February 2023, and reported the average for February is twenty-four (24) incidents. Reported on the Valley County Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee first meeting. Reported there are five (5) members, the draft Capital Improvement Plan was presented, and a second and final meeting is being scheduled. Discussion followed on House Bill HB 255 that effectively prohibits governmental entities from entering into intergovernmental agreements for impact fees with any public agencies that do not have this authority on their own. Discussed Fire Districts do not have ordinance authority to impose impact fees without a county or city adopting an ordinance on their behalf and entering into an intergovernmental agreement. Discussed House Bill HB 266 which clarifies and reinforces the concept that impact fees that are found to be null and void for being inconsistent with statute will be fully refunded to the fee payer. Discussed House Bill HB 150 which withholds delinquent property tax interest and penalties from taxing districts. Discussed Representative Jason A. Monks, Republican of Meridian is the contact for House Bills HB 255 and HB 256 and is in Legislative District 22, which is a portion of Ada County. Discussed Representative Richard W. Cheatum is the contact for House Bill HB 150 and is in Legislative District 28 A, which is Franklin, Power, and a portion of Bannock Counties. Reported on working on emergency medical services budget and funding along with Donnelly and McCall Fire Departments to request sufficient funding from Valley County. Steven Hull reported on the Valley County Commissioners rereading the Valley County Emergency Medical Service District bylaws.


Larry Scarborough discussed idle funds in the Local Government Investment Pool account and suggested investing funds differently to make more money. Suggested leaving \$50,000 to \$100,000 in the Local Government Investment Pool and investing the remainder. Larry Scarborough will follow-up with investment recommendations.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 301 Horsethief Road, for the Y Camp at Horsethief, for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$2,794.28, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough discussed the number of fire protection services agreements in the Smith's Ferry area.

There being no further business, the commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela J. DeChambeau  
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:



Larry V. Scarborough  
Chairperson