

**CASCADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2024**

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.

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

Larry Scarborough corrected page one, paragraph three, to add Motion carried after the sentence LaDawn Saxton made a motion to approve the agenda, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion, in the January 11, 2024 regular Commissioner's meeting minutes. Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2024 regular Commissioner's meeting as corrected, 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 February 8, 2024, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Steven Hull reported on Rescue 1 repairs completed and on it being back in service. Reported on receipt of ice rescue gear and on coordinating ice rescue training.

Keri Rueth reported on the purchase and receipt of a ventilator and reported a State of Idaho Department of Health and Welfare grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 was received to go towards the purchase price. Reported on scheduling training for the ventilator before it is put on board and in service.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steven Hull reported twenty-one (21) incidents for the month of January 2024 and reported the average for January is thirty (30). Reported on a demonstration with extrication tools with hydro fusion lifting struts that can lift thirty (30) tons and reported their size and weight are no longer a concern.

Keri Rueth reported on requesting a meeting with Cascade Medical Center and the Fire Chief to bridge communication gaps and patient care gaps in the community. Reported

on meeting and planning quarterly training about time sensitive emergencies, repeat patients, and access to do-not-resuscitate orders, for better patient care outcomes.

The Agreement for Medical Director effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 with Ronald Ellsworth, M.D. was reviewed. Keri Rueth reported no changes to the agreement. Larry Scarborough made a motion to accept the Agreement for Medical Director with Ronald Ellsworth, M.D. in the amount of \$400.00 per month, 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 9756 Harnden Drive, for Thomas M. Sheehan Living Trust and Sydne F. Sheehan, for the period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$99.76, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steven Hull reported on the upcoming Valley Countywide EMS District levy rate increase election and reported the Fire District's should have some say and should express a recommendation for a permanent tax levy rate increase measure. Reported on the payments in lieu of taxes received from Valley County to increase wages. Reported from January 2024 there will be an additional thirty (30) to thirty-one (31) months of funding to continue paying the current rate of pay. Reported on recommending a permanent tax levy rate increase election on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the recommendation for a Valley Countywide EMS District permanent tax levy override election, 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 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela J. DeChambeau
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:



Larry V. Scarborough
Chairperson