

**CASCADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES
December 8, 2022**

Commissioner Larry Scarborough called the commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District to order at 5:32 p.m. at the 109 East Pine Street Fire Station.

The following Cascade Rural Fire Protection District officials were present: Commissioner Larry Scarborough, Commissioner Mike Arnold, Fire Chief Steven Hull, Emergency Medical Services Director Keri Rueth, Secretary / Treasurer Pam DeChambeau, and an excused absence for LaDawn Saxton.

Mike Arnold made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Shauna Arnold for a donation presentation because the item was left off in error, was added as soon as the error was found, but was posted for less than 48 hours, and Larry Scarborough seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amy Manning, Executive Director of the Idaho Independent Intergovernmental Authority Trust, reviewed the Annual Report of the trust for the period October 1 to September 30, 2022. Reported 5,285 members and ninety (90) agencies, an eight percent (8%) growth in agencies. Reported \$638,550 in program savings. Reported six staff members and a decrease in administrative and operating expenses of nine percent (9%) for 2020-2021 and two percent (2%) for 2021.-2022. Reported staff salaries are 1.7 % of the overall budget. Reported on the member growth over the last three years. Reviewed the amount of savings for the maternity program, the Rx mail-order program, the medication infusion benefit, and the telehealth program. Reported on Wellness Wednesdays Webinars Program and the Wondr Health Weight Loss Program. Reported on the Wellness Screening Program, reported only 51% of the members were screened, and reported on detecting one stage one prostate cancer and one stage one colon cancer. Reported on the Employee Assistance Program, the mental health counseling sessions, the qualifications of the providers in the program, and reported the program is a family benefit whether or not the employee's family is enrolled in medical benefits coverage. Reported 158 First Responder Helpline Calls and reported 25 of those calls were crisis calls. Reported on the required, incurred but not yet paid claims reserve in the amount of \$1,724,555, reported certificate of deposit interest in the amount of \$140,076, and reported a four percent increase in Rx rebates. Reported a two percent increase in Blue Cross of Idaho administrative fees. Reported a 16.3 percent decrease in the required Specific Stop Loss Fee. Reported on the renewal rate percentage over the last three years.

Shauna Arnold presented a donation in the amount of \$444.75 from the Haunted Barns Event. Presented an award from the Stibnite Foundation in the amount of \$2,000.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2022 regular Commissioner's meeting, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Arnold made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and payment of the bills dated December 8, 2022, and Larry Scarborough seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Steven Hull reported an update on the Valley County Sheriff Office forming an on-call avalanche team and reported on meeting with Captain Stambaugh from the Valley County Sheriff Office, Deputy Fire Chief Travis Smith from McCall Fire Protection District, and Heather Thiry from Valley County Search and Rescue, and on starting to develop what will be referred to as a Hasty Team, assembling team members, and writing levels of response and protocols. Reported on the development of the avalanche team taking leg-work and reported team members will have the same training and process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steven Hull reported thirty-five (35) incidents for the month of November 2022, and reported the average for November is thirty-two (32) incidents. Reported one chimney fire, one structure fire, and one mutual aid with Donnelly Rural Fire Protection District on a structure fire. Reported Rescue 1 is operating at this time, reported on repairs and the exhaust gas recirculation valve. Discussion followed to research replacing Rescue 1.

Keri Rueth presented and reviewed the past due emergency medical services billing for incident 19-417, reported on payments received, and suggested forgiving the balance due in the amount of \$475.00. Larry Scarborough made a motion to forgive the balance due on emergency medical services billing for incident 19-417 in the amount of \$475.00, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried. Keri Rueth presented and reviewed the past due emergency medical services billing for incident 21-219, reported on payments received and a balance due of \$250.00. Larry Scarborough made a motion to send the past due emergency medical services billing for incident 21-219 to the collection agent, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried. Keri Rueth presented and reviewed the past due emergency medical services billing for incident 121-274 and reported no payments received. Mike Arnold made a motion to send the past due emergency medical services billing for incident 121-274 to the collection agent, and Larry Scarborough seconded the motion. Motion carried. Keri Rueth presented and reviewed past due emergency medical services billings for motor vehicle accidents for incidents 20-241, 20-246 and 22-012. Mike Arnold made a motion to send the past due emergency medical service billing for incident 20-241 in the amount of \$850.00 to the collection agent, to send the past due emergency medical services billing for incident 20-246 in the amount \$825.70 to the collection agent, and to forgive the balance due on emergency medical services billing for incident 22-012 in the amount of \$275.00, and Larry Scarborough seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pamela J. DeChambeau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Pamela J. DeChambeau
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry V. Scarborough". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

Larry V. Scarborough
Chairperson