

**CASCADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES  
February 14, 2022**

Commissioner Larry Scarborough called the special commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District to order at 2:36 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 made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2022 regular Commissioner's meeting, 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 10, 2022, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Steven Hull reported on Monday, January 24, 2022 the City of Cascade Councilmembers voted to continue moving forward with the recommended impact fee in the amount of \$2,409.00 for fire and \$482.00 for emergency medical services. Reported on the next step of the City of Cascade Councilmembers to schedule and hold a public hearing establishing the recommended impact fee. Reported on the required thirty day waiting period after the impact fee is adopted.

Keri Rueth reported on receiving pictures of the new ambulance on the assembly line and reported a completion date of March 14, 2022. Reported an update on the Community Aging in Place study being conducted by Boise State University to address gaps in care and services in order to keep seniors enjoying their golden years in the comfort of their own homes.

Larry Scarborough reported on meeting with and receiving support from Valley County Sheriff Bolen on the plan to station a Valley County Search and Rescue truck in Yellow Pine and obtain Idaho Emergency Medical Services licensure for a Valley County Search and Rescue / Cascade Emergency Medical Services Quick Response Unit. Discussion followed on insurance coverage, on a mutual aid agreement, on forming guidelines for response to incidents and on the Valley County Search and Rescue truck to be stationed in Yellow Pine.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Steven Hull reported forty-one (41) incidents for the month of January 2022 and reported the average for January is 31. Reported on requesting Title III Funding from the Valley County Commissioners for a utility terrain vehicle and a snowmobile and on receiving approval in the amount of up to \$45,000.00 after holding a public hearing Monday, March 7, 2022 about the request and approval. Reported on the caboose fire at 1400 Airport Way Thursday, February 10. Reported on the structure fire Tuesday, February 8 at Watkins Pharmacy which was a total loss for the owners. Reported on sending some kind of a thank you to the firefighter who responded from Boise to the Watkins Pharmacy fire. Reported on and discussed the Watkins Pharmacy fire response, investigation, and the cause of the fire pointing to the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning unit on the roof.

Keri Rueth reported on the Regional Emergency Medical Organization new program Leave Behind Naloxone Program for overdose treatment. Reported this program allows providers to leave a naloxone overdose treatment kit when in a situation where they believe opioids may be used. Reported on the goal to get treatment kits into the hands of the at-risk person, family members, friends, or other persons who are in a position to assist the at-risk person. Reported on applying for and supplying all Valley County law enforcement with Narcan, and Cascade School District, Southern Valley County Recreation District, Valley County, and the fire station with overdose treatment kits. Reported on applying for the ambulance re-licensure with Idaho Emergency Medical Services Bureau.

Steven Hull presented a five-year budget outlook and proposed wages to hire six additional employees to estimate the levy rate increase. Reported on the levy rate increase to hire more employees. Reported on moving forward and looking at the way the service area is growing, the lack of volunteers, and the increased workload. Reported a super majority is required to pass a permanent levy override which is approval by sixty-six and two-thirds percent of the voters voting at the election. Reported on figuring how much money to collect. Reviewed the proposed wages with six additional employees, two employees per shift. Reported \$361,200 is currently collected in property tax revenue. Reported on starting the conversation to hold an election for a permanent levy override. Reported on presenting to staff the reasons for a permanent levy override. Reported on the community asking questions once the word is out to the community. Reported on speaking the same language of what we are thinking and being very transparent. Reported the department is way understaffed and under budgeted and what is done is an excellent job with the money have compared to other departments. Reported the same level of service is provided throughout the county with a quarter to a sixteenth of the money and a fourth of the people. Reported if the levy passes, the first year one additional Firefighter/Paramedic per shift (3 employees) would be hired and capital would build and the following year the next additional Firefighter/EMT per shift (3 employees) would be hired. Reported Impact Fees have to be used for new construction, not for repairs and maintenance. Presented a proposed levy rate and the district assessed value with a 1.5 percent growth factor. Reported some years will see



more than 1.5 percent growth. Discussed holding the election in November 2022 and providing information about the election starting the end of March 2022. Discussed the levy authorized by statute is twenty-four hundred percent (.24%) (0.0024). Reported on requesting an additional \$459,902 in the property tax revenue. Reported the estimated tax levy rate would increase from 0.05 percent (0.0005) to 0.14 percent (0.0014). Reported on the required election and the required approval by sixty-six and two-thirds percent of the voters voting at the election. Discussed presenting to public the history of the fire district, where it is at right now, and why there is a need for another six employees and how the increase in staff will increase the budget. Reported on the election taking a lot of effort to get passed. Reported if the correct information is provided the election should be successful. Discussed the work to get the public out to vote. Discussed the hard sell to the local community members. Reported on interpreting the graphs and numbers presented. Requested to review the information presented and to keep building on the information. Reported on discussing the preliminary River District Subdivision buildout at a future date.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agreement to provide adequate fire protection for real and personal property located at 250 and 270 4<sup>th</sup> Street, for John and Teri Coombs, for the period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, in the amount of \$239.64, and Mike Arnold 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 301 Horsethief Road, for the Y Camp at Horsethief, for the period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, in the amount of \$5,125.87, and Larry Scarborough 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 300 and 310 Fairview Lane, for Manuel and Claudia Dominguez, for the period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, in the amount of \$317.40, and Larry Scarborough seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the special commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela J. DeChambeau  
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:



Larry V. Scarborough  
Chairperson