

**CASCADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES  
October 12, 2023**

Commissioner Larry Scarborough called the commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District to order at 5:28 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 Larry Scarborough seconded the motion.

Mike Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2023 regular Commissioner's meeting, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LaDawn Saxton made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and payment of the bills dated September 30, 2023, and Mike Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Steven Hull reported the joint public hearings with Valley County to establish Cascade, Donnelly, and McCall Fire District Development Impact Fees is scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. Reported on the extrication tools maintenance check.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Steven Hull reported thirty (30) incidents for the month of September 2023, and reported forty-two (42) is the average for September. Reported an assist to Donnelly for a structure fire. Reported on a half-acre fire on Stanley Drive off Crown Point Parkway which burned a camp trailer and an outbuilding. Discussed the current static on eDispatches services. Reported on meetings with the Family Dollar store since July 2023 for not maintaining ingress and egress requirements in the aisles. Reported on live fire training on a structure on Gold Dust Road scheduled for the next two Saturdays and in November. Reported the woody debris container is at the 109 East Pine Street Fire Station Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14. Reviewed the income and expenditure report for October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 and reported no fund balance funds were spent during the year. Reported on applying for the 2023 Assistance to Firefighters grant for a Type VI wildland engine. Reported on researching purchasing a Type 1 tactical water tender for wildland.

Keri Rueth presented the information at the Valley Countywide EMS District website about the current Valley County EMS District being reorganized. Reported on forming a new emergency medical services district to obtain a tax levy rate of .04 percent and to be governed by its own elected commissioners. Reported forming a new emergency medical services district requires a simple majority vote. Reported a public information


meeting at the 109 East Pine Street Fire Station on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6 p.m. about the two ballot measures forming a new emergency medical services district on the Tuesday, November 7 ballot.

Keri Rueth presented and requested approval to renew the Contract for Use of Services and Equipment, to provide ambulance and emergency medical services, with the Valley County Emergency Medical Services District, for the term October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, in the amount of \$440,121.66 in property tax revenue and \$216,857.00 in payment in lieu of taxes revenue, with no changes to the contract from last year's contract except the amount increasing to \$656,978.66. Discussion confirmed no changes to the contract about the level of emergency medical services being provided. Larry Scarborough made a motion to accept the contract renewal for the Contract for Use of Services and Equipment, to provide ambulance and emergency medical services, with the Valley County Emergency Medical Services District for the term October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, in the amount of \$656,678.66, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Keri Rueth presented and reviewed the changes and additions to the Training Policy for Higher Education Reimbursement. Reported higher education reimbursement is allowed to full-time employees who have been employed for two or more years and are in good standing. Reported employees must seek approval through their direct supervisor and if approved, will be asked to make a presentation to the Board of Commissioners for approval and a contract will be required. Reported if the course is not completed any payments made by the District will be reimbursed as decided by the Board. Mike Arnold made a motion to approve the changes and additions to the Training Policy for Higher Education Reimbursement, and LaDawn Saxton second the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela J. DeChambeau  
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:



Larry V. Scarborough  
Chairperson