

**CASCADE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2025**

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 LaDawn Saxton, Commissioner Mike Arnold, Fire Chief Steven Hull, Emergency Medical Services Director Keri Sayers, and Secretary / Treasurer Pam DeChambeau.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to approve the agenda as is, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Russell with Zwycart John & Associates presented the report on audited basic financial statements and supplemental information for the year ended September 30, 2024. Reported the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District. Reviewed the balance sheet and noted fund balance compared to the expenditures for the year shows approximately thirteen (13) months of operating reserves on hand. Reviewed the income statement and noted revenues were over expenditures and an increase in fund balance. Reviewed the cash balances at the Local Government Investment Pool and Idaho First Bank. Reviewed the budget to actual comparison report and reported excess revenues over expenditures. Reported no issues with internal controls. Mike Arnold made a motion to accept the report on audited basic financial statements and supplemental information for the year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024, prepared by Zwycart John & Associates, and Larry Scarborough seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Scarborough made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 8, 2025 regular Commissioner's meeting, and LaDawn Saxton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Arnold made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as amended and authorize payment of the bills dated June 12, 2025, and Larry Scarborough seconded the motion. Motion carried

Steven Hull reported an update on the McCall, Donnelly, and Cascade Fire Districts consolidating. Reported on the three Fire Chiefs meeting with Attorney Bill Gigray to discuss a guideline on how the consolidation will be structured and a timeline for completion. Reported a next step of forming a Committee consisting of the three Fire Chiefs and a Commissioner Representative from each Fire District. Reported a three to five year process. Discussed personnel working the three locations.

Keri Sayers reported a meeting is scheduled for next week for an update on the October 1, 2025 start date that Perpetua Resources is requesting to provide ambulance services, to include an advanced life support ambulance, a mobile response van, a paramedic, and an emergency medical technician, at Stibnite Mine. Reported an update on GEMT (Ground Emergency

Medical Transportation) services for Medicaid beneficiaries qualifying for supplemental payments starting January 1, 2023. Reported on working with the billing company to analyze costs and determine potential benefits and presented the Professional Services Agreement amendment with the billing company, Systems Design, to process those claims if determined to be a potential benefit.

Steven Hull reported twenty-four (24) incidents for the month of May 2025 and reported thirty-two (32) is average. Reported at the Valley County Fire Working Group Spring meeting that the fire season is expected to be hotter and drier. Reported on receipt of approximately \$5,000 in Mystery Ranch wildland fire packs and gear from a Volunteer Foundation member who received a grant from Mystery Ranch. Reported on a meeting with ATCO Structures, who have been contracted to construct a three-story, 265,000 square-foot, dormitory style building comprising 1,050 rooms at Stibnite Mine and reported the International Fire Code will have to be followed.

Keri Sayers reported the Valley Countywide EMS District received ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds for a new ambulance build. Reported the new ambulance should be in-service in a month and will replace a 2014 McCall unit, and the 2014 unit may be moved to Donnelly to replace a 1999 Donnelly unit. Reported the Valley Countywide EMS District protocols app is up and running and the protocols take effect July 1, 2025. Reported on in-house training and the purchase of a pump to administer a medication to be ready for the new protocols. Reported on working on cost savings for the purchase of emergency medical services supplies for McCall, Donnelly, and Cascade. Reported on submitting current emergency medical services supplies cost reports for McCall, Donnelly and Cascade and scheduling a meeting to review the cost reports. Reported on developing a quality improvement and assurance process for McCall, Donnelly, and Cascade emergency medical services, and how to report the data to the Valley Countywide EMS District Commissioners. Reported the Valley Countywide EMS District applied for grant funds and received ten automated external defibrillators. Reported McCall received four of the AED's, and Donnelly and Cascade received three AED'S each. Reported an automated external defibrillator is now on Engine 1 and in both Command vehicles. Reported on an employee requesting vacation time be paid out. Discussion followed on the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District current Vacation Policy.

Larry Scarborough reported on the Idaho State Fire Commissioners' Association conference suggesting changes to Idaho State Code to benefit Fire Districts. Reported on amending Idaho State Code to clarify the process for a non-election, if no one runs for office, to add an election provision if thinking about consolidation, to allow Fire Districts to lease real property, to allow Fire Districts limited ordinance authority to establish development impact fees, and to identify that equipment and or apparatus can be purchased with development impact fees.

Keri Sayers reported an amendment to the Blue Cross of Idaho contract for the delivery of and payment for healthcare services and reported the amendments are not for healthcare services Cascade Rural Fire Protection District provides. Reported this item will be on next regular meeting agenda Thursday, July 10, 2025 for approval.

There being no further business, the commissioner's meeting of the Cascade Rural Fire Protection District adjourned at 6:48 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
Chair