

**Canyon Creek Rural Fire District
Board of Trustee's
Special Board Meeting**

Thursday – Feb 6, 2025



This meeting was conducted via Zoom. The meeting, in its entirety, may be accessed via zoom link below:

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Attending:

Rick Grady, Chair
Jim Thomas, Vice Chair
Ellen Eskildsen, Secretary
Max Eskildsen, Trustee-at-Large
Wendy Adamson, Treasurer (absent)

Community Members/Guest:

Gegi Guay E.J. Betka
Judith Vincent Sonny Tapia
Patty Butterfield

Meeting Commenced at 7:00pm

Chair Rick began the meeting by letting the board know that Treasurer Wendy could not make the meeting but she wanted him to state that she is aware of the resolution and agrees with mail in ballots. He also had a brief discussion of the resolution 2025-001 for the upcoming election to be held May 6, 2025 by mail in ballot. Two seats are up for election this cycle. Chair Rick asked the board if they had any questions or concerns about the resolution.

No board discussion.

Chair Rick opened it up for public comments or questions.

No public comments.

Secretary Ellen made a motion to approve the resolution 2025-001; Vice Chair Thomas seconded the motion.

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

Non-agenda items: No comments from the board.

Public Comments: None

Chair Grady adjourned the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Meeting Minutes approved by the Chairperson Richard E. Grady

Date Approved: Tuesday - March 25, 2025



Canyon Creek Rural Fire District (CCRFD)
Board of Trustees
Special Board Meeting

Thursday – February, 6, 2025
7:00 p.m..

Meeting will be held via zoom only with the inclement winter weather storm conditions forecasted for the safety of the public.

There will be no agenda item regarding pending litigation on lawsuit Lewis & Clark County District Court Case No. DV-25-2024-674, recall petition and redress petition before the Canyon Creek Rural Fire District, Board of Trustees - Richard E. Grady - Chairperson

Board of Trustee Principles of Civil Dialogue

1. We provide a safe environment where individual perspectives are respected, heard and acknowledged
2. We respect diverse opinions as a means to find solutions based on common ground
3. We encourage creative approaches to engage in public participation
4. We value informed decision-making and take personal responsibility to educate and be educated.
5. We believe that respectful public dialogue fosters healthy community relationships, understanding, and problem solving.
6. We acknowledge, consider and respect the natural tensions created by collaborations, change and transition
7. We follow the rules and guidelines established for each meeting

Public Comments on the respective agenda items(s) falling within the purview of the Canyon Creek Rural Fire District Board of Trustees.

There will be an opportunity prior to the final board decision on each of the respective agenda items for public comments. Members of the public are welcome to submit written or verbal public comments that will be entered into public record on each individual specific agenda item.

1. Please state your name in an audible tone of voice for the record.
2. Verbal public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes and a clock will be used to monitor the time by the CCRFD Trustee at Large or trustee designee.
3. Be allowed to comment only one time on each individual agenda item.

Agenda

- Discussion and decision on approval of Resolution 2025-001 Canyon Creek Rural Fire District on the Resolution for calling for a trustee election to elect two (2) trustees to the Canyon Creek Rural Fire District, Board of Trustees and the election to be conducted by mail ballot only to be held on Tuesday – May 6, 2025

Non-agenda items

The board can accept written or verbal comments on non-agenda items, but the board cannot respond at the respective meeting. Members of the public are welcome to submit written or verbal public comments that will be entered into public record

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3. Be allowed to comment only one time regarding any non-agenda item

Adjournment

Canyon Creek Rural Fire District is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Canyon Creek Rural Fire District's Special Zoom Meeting

Time: Feb 6, 2025 07:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-001
CANYON CREEK RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A TRUSTEE ELECTION

WHEREAS, Section 7-33-2106 MCA, requires that the trustees of a Fire District are to be elected and can only be appointed if no nominations are made for the office of trustee; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-1-502, MCA, requires candidates for the office of trustee of the Canyon Creek Rural Fire District to file a Declaration of Nomination and Oath of Candidacy at least 85 days before the election day; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-1-504, MCA requires the election to be held on school election day, which is May 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the election may not be held earlier than 85 days after the date of the order or resolution calling for the election pursuant to 13-1-504, MCA; and

WHEREAS, 13-15-504, MCA requires the governing body to specify in the order or resolution calling for the election whether the election is to be conducted by mail; and

WHEREAS, the trustees of the Canyon Creek Rural Fire District have determined that at least 2 trustee terms will expire in May, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the trustees find that it is necessary to elect at least 2 trustees at the election in 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. A trustee election for the Canyon Creek Rural Fire District to elect 2 trustees shall be held on May 6, 2025.
2. The following positions shall be elected: two 3-year terms for Canyon Creek Rural Fire District trustee.
3. The district requests that the election be conducted by **Mail Ballot**
(mail ballot or polling place)
4. Declarations for Nomination and Oaths of Candidacy for candidates for trustee may be filed with the Lewis & Clark County Elections Office no later than 5:00pm February 10, 2025. If, after the write-in candidate filing deadline of March 3, the number of candidates is equal to or less than the number of positions to be elected, the Board of County Commissioners shall declare elected by acclamation each candidate who filed for a position. If a nomination is not made for one or more trustee positions, the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint one or more trustees as necessary to fill those positions.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

By: _____
Chairperson, Canyon Creek Rural Fire District