

Canyon Creek Rural Fire District (CCRFD)

P.O. Box 464, Canyon Creek, MT 59633



Board of Trustee's SPECIAL Meeting Monday – August 4, 2025

This meeting was conducted in person at the fire hall and via Zoom.

The official meeting minutes are the Zoom recording which is available upon request.

Meeting ID: 811 5928 2607

Passcode: 354011

ATTENDEES

Board Members:

Trustee #1 Jim Thomas, Chairman
Trustee #2 Sam Stigman, Vice-Chair
Trustee #3 Wendy Adamson, Secretary/Treasurer
Trustee #4 Peggy Justesen, Trustee
Trustee #5 Kevin Zwicker, Trustee

Fire Company Members:

Fire Chief Cunningham (via Zoom)
Assistant Chief John Keller
Captain Kai Bauer (via Zoom)

Community Members / Guests:

Joane Bayer (via Zoom)

AGENDA

Chairman: Calls the meeting to order / Pledge of Allegiance **Time:** 06:30 PM
Secretary: Roll call of Board Members present

Chairman: Opening Comments & Instructions **Time:** 06:31 PM
Opens meeting for Public Comment

Chairman: Action Item #1 – New Business: **Time:** 06:32 PM
Will consider revising the Bylaws MISSION STATEMENT for clarification of the district management
STIGMAN Motioned to approve revising the Bylaws MISSION STATEMENT for clarification of the district management;
JUSTESEN Seconded; Public Comments received **Vote:** PASSED 4-0-1*

Chairman: Action Item #2 – New Business: **Time:** 06:35 PM
Will consider revising the Bylaws [SEC.105] to clarify the Power and Duties of Trustees per applicable MCA statutes
JUSTESEN Motioned to approve revising the Bylaws [SEC.105] to clarify the Power and Duties of Trustees per applicable MCA statutes;
STIGMAN Seconded; Public Comments received **Vote:** PASSED 4-0-1*

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Amy Reeves Clerk & Recorder, Lewis & Clark MT



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*- Chairman has chosen to refrain from voting unless needed to break a tie vote of the other Members

AGENDA (cont.)

Chairman: **Action Item #3 – New Business:** **Time: 06:41 PM**
Will consider revising the Bylaws [SEC.106] to correct the inaccuracies of the Trustee appointment process per MCA statute
ADAMSON Motioned to approve revising the Bylaws [SEC.106] to correct the inaccuracies of the Trustee appointment process per MCA statute;
STIGMAN Seconded; No Public Comments made **Vote: PASSED**
4-0-1*

Chairman: **Action Item #4 & Item #5 (together) – New Business:** **Time: 06:45 PM**
#4-Will consider revising the Bylaws [SEC.116] to clarify new Board Members onboarding and expectations & #5-Will consider eliminating SEC.116 – New Board Members by moving the text to SEC.106 – Board of Trustees
STIGMAN Motioned to approve revising the Bylaws [SEC.116] to clarify new Board Members onboarding and expectations & eliminating SEC.116 – New Board Members by moving the text to SEC.106 – Board of Trustees;
ADAMSON Seconded; No Public Comments made **Vote: PASSED**
4-0-1*

Chairman: **Action Item #6 – New Business:** **Time: 06:49 PM**
Will consider revising the Bylaws [SEC.108] to provide an Agenda template and clarify the agenda item submission process
ADAMSON Motioned to approve revising the Bylaws [SEC.108] to provide an Agenda template and clarify the agenda item submission process *with an amendment* to add “Adjournment” as the final item on the agenda template;
STIGMAN Seconded; Public Comments received **Vote: PASSED**
4-0-1*

Chairman: **Action Item #7 – New Business:** **Time: 07:03 PM**
Will consider revising Bylaws [SEC.111 – Ln.3] to clarify the intent and process of EMERGENCY MEETINGS to satisfy MT Open Meeting Laws
STIGMAN Motioned to approve revising Bylaws [SEC.111 – Ln.3] to clarify the intent and process of EMERGENCY MEETINGS to satisfy MT Open Meeting Laws;
JUSTESEN Seconded; Public Comments received **Vote: PASSED**
4-0-1*

Chairman: **Action Item #8 – New Business:** **Time: 07:12 PM**
Will consider revising Bylaws [SEC.111 – Ln.4] to clarify action & retention of written public comments received due to missing a public meeting
ADAMSON Motioned to approve revising Bylaws [SEC.111 – Ln.4] to clarify action & retention of written public comments received due to missing a public meeting;
STIGMAN Seconded; No Public Comments made **Vote: PASSED**
4-0-1*

Chairman: **Action Item #9 – New Business:** **Time: 07:15 PM**
Will consider revising Bylaws [SEC.111 – Ln.5] to clarify VOTING ON AGENDA MATTERS
STIGMAN Motioned to approve revising Bylaws [SEC.111 – Ln.5] to clarify VOTING ON AGENDA MATTERS;
JUSTESEN Seconded; Public Comments received **Vote: PASSED**
4-0-1*

AGENDA (cont.)

Chairman: **Action Item #10 – New Business:** **Time:** 07:18 PM
Will consider revising Bylaws [SEC.111 – Ln.6] to clarify QUORUM
ZWICKER Motioned to approve revising Bylaws [SEC.111 – Ln.6] to clarify QUORUM;
STIGMAN Seconded; No Public Comments made **Vote:** **PASSED**
4-0-1*

Chairman: **Action Item #11 – New Business:** **Time:** 07:22 PM
Will consider revising Bylaws [SEC.111 – Ln.7] to clarify RULES OF ORDER
ZWICKER Motioned to approve revising Bylaws [SEC.111 – Ln.7] to clarify RULES OF ORDER;
ADAMSON Seconded; No Public Comments made **Vote:** **PASSED**
4-0-1*

Chairman: **Action Item #12 – New Business:** **Time:** 07:28 PM
Will consider revising Bylaws [SEC.113] to clarify expectations for Purchases for the Fire District
ADAMSON Motioned to approve revising Bylaws [SEC.113] to clarify expectations for Purchases for the Fire District *with two amendments* to 1) replace “under \$1,000” with “up to \$1,000” and 2) replace “over \$1,001” with “over \$1,000”;
ZWICKER Seconded; Public Comments received **Vote:** **PASSED**
4-0-1*

Chairman: **Action Item #13 – New Business:** **Time:** 07:44 PM
Will consider revising Bylaws [SEC.117] to clarify intent and boundaries for Use of the District Buildings, Equipment and Grounds
ADAMSON Motioned to TABLE the agenda item for more work to be done on the language;
JUSTESEN Seconded; Public Comments received **Vote:** **TABLED**
4-0-1*

Chairman: **Action Item #14 – New Business:** **Time:** 08:07 PM
Will consider adding SEC.118 to the Bylaws to provide expectations regarding accepting donations on behalf of the District
ADAMSON Motioned to approve adding SEC.118 to the Bylaws to provide expectations regarding accepting donations on behalf of the District *with three amendments* to 1) replace “under \$1,000” with “up to \$1,000”, 2) replace “over \$1,001” with “over \$1,000”, and 3) in the last paragraph replace “our District” with “the District”
JUSTESEN Seconded; Public Comments received **Vote:** **PASSED**
3-0-2*

AGENDA (cont.)

Chairman: **Action Item #15 – New Business:** **Time:** 08:24 PM
Will consider approving the revision to the Standard Operating Guidelines
STIGMAN Motioned to approve the revision to the Standard
Operating Guidelines *with an amendment* to add “EMS Personnel”;
JUSTESEN Seconded; Public Comments received **Vote:** **PASSED**
4-0-1*

Chairman: **Action Item #16– Old Business:** **Time:** 08:31 PM
Will consider buying out the DNRC equipment attached to the bed
of 8131 for \$1,500.00 (per agreement)
JUSTESEN Motioned to approve buying out the DNRC equipment
attached to the bed of 8131 for \$1,500.00 (per agreement);
ZWICKER Seconded; No Public Comments made **Vote:** **PASSED**
4-0-1*

Chairman: **Action Item #17 – Old Business:** **Time:** 08:34 PM
Will consider approving the purchase of a Starlink Roam mobile
unit for under \$600 & which requires a \$50/mo. subscription fee
when service is used
STIGMAN Motioned to approve the purchase of a Starlink Roam
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ADAMSON Seconded; No Public Comments made **Vote:** **TABLED**
4-0-1*

Chairman: **For the “Good of the Order” – Trustee’s comments** **Time:** 08:39 PM
CHAIR JIM THOMAS = *(no comments)*
VICE-CHAIR SAM STIGMAN = *(no comments)*
SECRETARY / TREASURER WENDY ADAMSON = *(no comments)*
TRUSTEE PEGGY JUSTESEN = Asked about looking into a generator
TRUSTEE KEVIN ZWICKER = *(no comments)*

Chairman: **Next meeting date confirmation:** **Time:** 08:43 PM
MONDAY 8/18/2025 = Regular Meeting
(on the 3rd Monday of the month)

Chairman: **Adjournment** **Time:** 08:44 PM

APPROVAL

Meeting Minutes approved by the Trustees on (date approved):

8/18/25

Signed by the acting Chairperson:



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ZOOM MEETING INVITE INFORMATION

Topic: CCRFD-Special Meeting

Time: Aug 4, 2025 06:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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