

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

Monday – Feb , 2025
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This meeting was conducted via hybrid/Zoom. The meeting, in its entirety, may be accessed via zoom link below:

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Attending:

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

Firefighters:

John Keller

Community Members/Guest:

Gegi Guay (zoom)	E.J. Betka (zoom)	Greg Weed	George Olsen (zoom)
Judith Vincent (zoom)	Joane Bayer (zoom)	Charlie Spinning	Steve? (zoom)
Patty Butterfield	Connie Horder	Dale Hudec	

Meeting Commenced at 6:30pm

Chair Rick began the meeting by introducing himself and the board members did as well. He asked the meeting guest to introduce themselves as well. Chair Rick began by reading the criteria for snow removal contract for the station and then proceeded to read the overview of the three bids he received.

Board discussion.

Treasurer Wendy asked if Chair Rick had the original bids he received from the three businesses. Chair Rick stated he took the bids and compiled them into a spreadsheet. Treasurer Wendy asked that in the future she would prefer to see the actual submitted bids from the businesses. Vice Chair Thomas asked if we required liability insurance last year? Different board members last year allowed a waiver of liability insurance. Chair Rick opened it up for public comments or questions.

Public comments.

-John Keller speaking as a resident of Canyon Creek wanted an apology for having to hand shovel the snow away from the bay door; if he couldn't get an apology he would accept a thank you from the Chair; stated a contract should have been awarded for snow removal back in October; what is the backup plan when the company doesn't show up to plow?

-Connie Horder also stated that she believes we need to get a contract awarded; we don't have enough firefighters to help remove snow because they all quit.

No further comments

Secretary Ellen made a **motion to approve** the bid from Big Sky Sprinklers as they came in at the lowest cost; Trustee at large Max **seconded** the motion. Treasurer Wendy asked Rick what he meant; Rick restated the Kai Bauer withdrew his bid as he didn't have liability insurance. **Vote: 4-1 in favor, motion carried.** Treasurer Wendy abstained from the vote as she wanted to speak about her husband who was given the



contract last year. Her husband was awarded the contract as the board had Will Adamson sign a release of liability and the fact that since he was a firefighter he was covered under the station's liability insurance. We have that option of looking for firefighters to help but this year we do not. She said there was no conflict of interest as she was not on the board during the time of the vote to award the contract to Will Adamson.

Non-agenda items: No comments from the board.

Public Comments.

-Greg Weed asked if Chair Rick needed a ride to the meetings

-Joane Bayer stated a letter is going around that states inaccuracies about Jon Cunningham purchasing the QRU; also stated Wendy missed some meetings wants to know why the board had 24 meetings last year

-Dale Hudec said recall signs were put up and wanted to know who took down and where they were at; Joane Bayer stated she had them

-John Keller asked if we are better off than we were last year; he fears for his life as he is in the death zone and himself and others are at risk; We are far worse off today than last year.

-Connie Horder stated she doesn't know what's going on with firetrucks personnel and actions by board to get things on track; Not happy that we are lacking in medically trained personnel. Unacceptable to only have one firefighter; need to work together to get things back on track; John Keller is only an EMR and we need to get qualified medical personnel on board.

-John Keller stated the Chair Rick is unfit for the job; step aside.

No other comments.

Chair Grady adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm.

Meeting Minutes approved by the Chairperson Richard E. Grady

Date Approved: Tuesday - March 24, 2025

Canyon Creek Rural Fire District (CCRFD)

Board of Trustees

Special Board Meeting

7560 Duffy Lane

Monday – February 24, 2025

6:30 p.m.

The special board meeting will be held via zoom and hybrid

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 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

- **Introductions**
- Discussion and decision in selecting a vendor on reviewing the written competitive bids received by the Chairperson from local vendors to complete the snow plowing around the fire station facility based on the provisions outlined in the CCRFD Snow Removal Service Agreement and the signing of the CCRFD Snow Removal Service Agreement by the selected vendor and Chairperson

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 (CCRFD) Snow removal written offers to provide snow removal services Submitted to the Chairperson by 5:00 p.m. Friday 2/21/2025 Copy of the Snow Removal Service Agreement was received and read by all vendors		
Vendor	Quoted prices offered	General comments
Christofferson Construction LLC	Salting & Walk with Calcium Chloride per application \$40.00 Clearing Walk & Drive Of 2-5.99- inch snow \$250.00 hour Clearing Walk & Drive 6-11.99 “ \$275.00 per hour	Has workers compensation, general liability insurance. Secretary of State – Active – Good Standing
Redemption Painting and Property Services	\$375.00 per visit/trip with 1” snow trigger	Travel to and from location, snow plowing, shoveling duties as requested Has workers compensation, general liability insurance. Secretary of State-Active-Good Standing
Big Sky Sprinklers & Landscaping Services	\$150.00/hour with a minimum of half hour intervals.	Has workers compensation, general liability insurance. Secretary of State – Active – Good Standing
Kai Bayer	\$200.00 per hour that accrues at half hour rate of \$100.00 submitted on Monday 2/17/2025 at 7:16 p.m.	Withdrew proposal on Tuesday 2/18/2025 -10:17 p.m. Not having additional workers compensation Perhaps a clause on release of liability/hold and harmless agreement

**CANYON CREEK RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE AGREEMENT**

This Snow Removal Service Agreement (Agreement) made with the Canyon Creek Rural Fire District, Board of Trustee's (CCRFD) and _____ (Service Provider) with a mailing address of _____,

The term of this Agreement shall commence on _____ / _____, 2025 and terminate April 30 2025

CCRFD will provide the following on snow removal around the fire station located at 7560 Duffy Lane, Canyon Creek, MT.

1. CCRFD responsible to provide a point of contact to work with the service provider on the location for the plowed snow on the fire station facility regarding location of the overhead filling site, septic system, propane tank, fences, trees, and other improvements.
2. Provide the salt/sand and its application as needed around the fire station apparatus and entrance doors.

Service Provider will provide to CCRFD the following:

1. The removal of snow from the entrance access, parking areas, overhead filling site and shoveling in front of the fire station apparatus and entrance doors.
2. Service Provider responsible to provide a point of contact to work with the CCRFD on the location for the plowed snow on the fire station facility regarding location of the overhead filling site, septic system, propane tank, fences, trees, and other improvements.
3. Provide written documentation on workers compensations and/or independent contractor certification for the service providers employee(s) to CCRFD
4. Provide written documentation on liability insurance of the equipment be used on the removal of the snow to CCRFD.

Method of billing and payment:

The service provider will provide a monthly billing invoice to the CCRFD treasurer to the district P.O. Box of 464, Canyon Creek, Mt 59633.

Point of Contacts: (Name, cell phone)
CCRFD

Service Provider

Attachment:

(Outlines more specifics of what the service provider and CCRD Board of Trustees agree to of hourly rate, trigger point when the snow is removed, etc)

CCRFD Chairperson Signature _____ **Date** _____/2025

Service Provider's Signature _____ **Date** _____