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**Canyon Creek Rural Fire District**

**Board of Trustee’s**

**Special Board Meeting**

Monday – Sept 30, 2024

**This meeting was conducted in person and via Zoom. The meeting, in it’s entirety, may be accessed via zoom link below:**

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**Passcode: #Np8WjE4**

**Attending:**

Rick Grady, Chair

Jim Thomas, Vice Chair

Ellen Eskildsen, Secretary

Max Eskildsen, Trustee-at-Large

Wendy Adamson, ABSENT

**Fire Company:**

Josh Dalzell, Asst. Chief John Keller, Volunteer

Jon Cunningham, Volunteer Gregg Weed, Volunteer Mechanic

Kai Bauer, Volunteer

**Community Members/Guest/Zoom:**

Robert Putsch Jason Longtine Sam Stigman Nancy Treib

Connie Horder Ed Chevellier Judith Owens Rebecca Stigman

Joane Bayer Scott Burke David Hamilton Sienna Stigman

Mike Alkire Dale Hudec Jeremy Gilliam

Dave Ogle Steve Mullenbach Patty Butterfield

Kori Dee Gegi Guay Judith Anne Vincent

M Judy Gilliam Ben Anderson

**Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call-Meeting commenced at 6:30pm**

**-**Chairperson Grady provided several copies of the following handouts for the community members: 1: Montana Fire Trustees Association Conference pamphlet, Montana Code Annotated Title 7 Ch 33 Part 20 & 24; Legal Pitfalls handout; Montana Fire Trustees Association 2024 Conference; VFIS Property and Casualty Summary of Coverages; Copy of By-Laws

**NEW Business:**

**Agenda Item 1: Discussion and Decision on the administration of the official face book page of the Canyon Creek Rural Fire District-Board of Trustees**

**-Time of zoom: :46 Seconds**

**--**Secretary Ellen talked about the need to have a social media account set up for the Trustees use as the CCRFD website has been taken down and we need to ensure that we are meeting the parameters set forth in the MCA statute for posting agenda information. Secretary Ellen recommends using the Official CCRFD Trustee Facebook page to do so.

--Chair Rick discussed how the meeting comments were going to be submitted; he handed out information on presenting oral and written public comments; also a copy of the MCA 2023 title 2; Ch 3; and part 1(2-3-103) (2-3-202-203)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Time of zoom: 4:06**

**--**John Keller- doesn’t agree with using Facebook; would like to see the board spend the money to set up a new website

--Time 6:47

--Dale Hudec- He doesn’t use face book it’s useless

--Time 7:28

--Bob Putsch- He agrees with John Keller doesn’t want to use Facebook

NO OTHER COMMENTS: PUBLIC COMMENTS CLOSED

--Time 8:05

--Secretary Ellen agrees that Face book isn’t the cure all and we would have to put getting a new website for the CCRFD on the next regular agenda but in the interim this is the best avenue for meeting the MCA Statute requirements for posting our agenda.

--Time 10:12

--Trustee Max- agrees with John Keller about his opinion on using Face book but until we can get the website approved for purchase and management he agrees with using Face book for now.

--Time 10:34

--Vice Chair Jim- agrees with what has been said

--Time 10:48

**--Vote on Agenda 1 Ellen made the motion to Utilize the Official Trustee Facebook page for posting agendas until the new website can by voted on at a future meeting and set up; Jim Seconded; all trustees in favor; motion passed.**

--Time 11:10

--Vice Chair Jim- asked about the cost for a Website; Secretary Ellen said Kai set up

--Time 11:27

--Kai Bauer- said you have cost for the domain name; cost for the website management (hosting) and design and upkeep; may be up to $1500.00.

**Agenda Item 2: Discussion and decision on the amendment to the existing CCRFD SOG’s on the appointment of the district Fire Chief by the Board of Trustees**

**--Time of zoom: 12:25**

**--**Chair Rick explained the amendment proposal and referred to Trustee Max for further description

--Time: 12:54

--Trustee Max- read the proposed change to the SOG under Fire Company Chief Appointment by the Board; he also proposed changing the last sentence in #5 to read The QRU will be staged at the CCRFD Fire Station for use in CCRFD and automatic and mutual aid agreements.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**--Time of Zoom: 15:20**

--Sam Stigman- disagrees with the way the board is handling the fire fighters and feels the board has an agenda; shouldn’t make the issue political

--Time: 18:45

--John Keller- Wanted to know what the requirements are for being a chief?

--Time: 21:49

--Jonathan Cunningham- voiced his disagreement and disdain with the board and said they will hear from his attorney

--Time: 23:11

--Asst Chief Josh Dalzell- stated his time is spent on many things and is very valuable; doesn’t understand why the trustees need to select the Chief and Asst. Chief

--Time: 24:57

--Dale Hudec- it’s bullshit

--Time: 25:10

--Kai Bauer- thinks its ironic that we removed Jon C. and want to replace him with J. Gilliam; must have an agenda

--Time: 27:08

--Bob Putsch- thinks the decision belongs to the fire company

No other comments; Public Comments Closed

--Time: 28:03

-Trustee Max made a motion to add the last line of language into the proposed change to the SOG’s;

-Chair Rick seconded

--Time 28:40

--Vice Chair Jim T.- stated he feels the repositioning of the QRU would increase response time

**Chair Rick asked for a vote: Chair Rick yes; Trustee Max yes: Secretary Ellen voted yes; Vice Chair Jim Nay; 3 in favor 1 opposed Motion Passes to add the additional language into line #5 of the paragraph.**

--Time 29:05

**--Chair Rick made a motion to approve the Amendment as written and updated with previous vote taken; Trustee Max seconded the motion; all in favor; Secretary Ellen yes; Trustee Max Yes; Vice Chair Jim Nay; Chair Rick Yes; 3 in favor 1 opposed motion passes.**

**Chair Grady adjourned the meeting at 7:01pm**.

**Meeting Minutes approved by the Chair person** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Date Approved**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_