

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
June 26, 2023

Present for the meeting was : Commissioners Scott Kamachi, Blair Dance and Rick Hill

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace, and Deputy Clerk Kim Fletcher

Commissioner Kamachi called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Weed Manager Bryce Fowler RE: Sign CWMA MOU - action item; CWMA Drone - action item; Department Report

Mr. Fowler presented an MOU for the Henry's Fork CWMA for the Commissioners to sign. This MOU is renewed every 5 years and hasn't changed.

Commissioner Kamachi signed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Henry's Fork Cooperative Weed Management Area and the USDA Forest Service Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

Mr. Fowler presented a bid for a new drone for the Henry's Fork CWMA. This was a wish list item from the state he asked for even though the state hasn't contributed to the purchase of any equipment in 10 years. This year, we received \$5000 towards the purchase of equipment through the cost-share for another drone, so we will have 3 of them. We also sold all of the boat wash equipment to cover the rest of the cost.

He presented 3 bids for drone packages from Talos Drones for \$26,995.00, DroneNerds for \$26,357.00, and Volatus Drones for \$30,431.28.

Commissioner Dance made a motion to approve the purchase of a new drone system from Drone Nerds with a bid amount of \$26,357.00. This will be paid for through the sale of the boat wash equipment and a state grant. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Mr. Fowler reported his road crew is working on the county roads past Chester. He should have the new truck ready to go by the end of this week so we will have 2 road crews. He will be meeting with Harriman and a few other groups in Island Park this week to organize Spray Days.

EMS Director Bert Mecham RE: Purchase of Lucas Compression Device - action item

Mr. Mecham discussed the purchase of Lucas Compression Devices for EMS. He would like to purchase 3 devices so each unit will have one. The devices perform chest compressions for CPR which help enable EMS to be able to do other life saving things at the same time, which would be helpful as they are currently short-handed. A single unit is \$18,000. Stryker gave us a \$1000 discount per unit so the total cost is \$60,050.61 for 3 units and includes a year of maintenance and repair coverage. He does have the money in his budget, to be pulled from Capital Equipment which will then be covered by Capital Construction so we won't have to open the budget to move funds.

Commissioner Dance made a motion to approve the purchase for EMS for 3 Stryker chest compression systems in the total amount of \$60,050.61. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the claims for June 26, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the minutes from Tuesday, June 20, 2023 as amended, and the minutes from the budget meetings held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 and Thursday, June 22, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners discussed the propane bids from AmeriGas and Fall River Propane. Commissioner Hill made a motion that we accept the bid from Fall River Propane in the amount of \$1.39 per gallon for 40,000 gallons. Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Clerk Mace discussed the FY2023 SRS Payment Election. They are having us do the election differently this year rather than doing a Resolution. We can still put 20% to the RAC Program (Title II), and the other 80% (Title I) will come back to the County to be split with the Schools. The portion for the county would be used for Road and Bridge projects.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the election of the allocation of the SRS funds for 2023 with the Forest Service to be 80% Title 1 and 20% Title 2. Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Kamachi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned.

L. Scott Kamachi, Chairman
Fremont County Commissioner

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk