1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Before approval of the minutes Chairman Sullivan introduced guest LFRA Board Chairman Jeff Swanty. Chairman Swanty provided a brief overview of the LFRA Board and the Loveland Rural Fire Protection Board.

Minutes from April 12, 2023 were approved with revision to the day of the week the meeting was held, and the spelling of FRAC members Carol Stark and George Stanley’s names.

2. Overview of Proposed Fire Code Amendment – Battalion Chief Carie Dann

Chief Sendelbach introduced the LFRA Fire Code adoption, wildland code amendments and introduced Battalion Chief Dann. Battalion Chief Dann gave a presentation of the fire code adoption process and the proposed wildland code amendments which included an overview and history of Community Safety Services, Community Safety Division positional duties, code amendments, review process, CWPP committee overview, Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) and Grassland Urban Interface (GUI) mitigation overview and answered questions.

Questions included whether there was anything that could be done for existing fences or remodels, how enforcement would work in these cases, requirements for new siding and if there were any grant opportunities for these initiatives. FRAC recommended that she moves forward with all upcoming presentations for future approvals of these items.


Chief Sendelbach gave an overview of the progress of the Fire Safety Tax and Mill Levy, LFRA Why, Critical Issues, voter Poll and Council/Board Approvals for the tax initiative. He discussed the LFRA Board’s direction regarding the Fire Safety Tax and Mill Levy, which included attending the City Council retreat and gauging interest and support for the Fire Safety Tax initiative. Pending the outcome of the Council retreat, LFRA may secure the
services of a consultant Bill Ray to conduct a Community Poll/survey to see if there is interest in a Fire Safety Tax and Rural Mill Levy with citizens. The survey/poll will include a mailed survey for the rural district and a phone poll in the City. If the poll shows low support for a tax increase, the most likely next step would be to consider a transition to a fire district. Chief Sendelbach gave an overview of how a district may be created and what would be required to get there, including a description of an updated mill levy for the new fire district. There was discussion about whether there should be some form of work to educate the public before the poll is sent out to citizens. FRAC members also recommended a shorter poll compared to the CWPP survey that was sent out earlier this year. Chief Sendelbach stated that he would provide a mid-month update with the poll consultant’s feedback and an example of the poll. FRAC requested that if LFRA moves forward with the tax initiative they be provided with educational talking points to share with the community. Chief Sendelbach also gave an overview of the new Air Curtain Burner that was provided to LFRA from Big Thompson Watershed Coalition.

4. **Wrap-up and action items for Next Month**
   None

5. **Public Comment (if applicable)**
   No Public Comment

6. **Schedule Next Meeting:** June 14, 2023, at 5:30p – Fire Station 8 (1461 Big Thompson Canyon Rd.)

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