BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION 2024-002 <u>CANYON CREEK RURAL FIRE DISTRICT</u>

By Resolution hereby considered by a quorum of the Board of Trustees of the Canyon Creek Rural Fire District with the following members present on the 13th day of November, 2024:

- 1. Richard E. Grady, Board Chairman, Trustee
- 2. Jim Thomas, Vice Chairperson Trustee
- 3. Ellen Almy-Eskildsen, Secretary, Trustee
- 4. Wendy Smith -Adamson, Treasurer, Trustee
- 5. Max Eskildsen, Trustee at Large
- 6. Pursuant to Section 114 of the Canyon Creek Rural Fire District Board of Trustees by-laws, the Board is entitled to seek legal assistance from private counsel.
- 7. In his capacity as Board Chairman, Richard E. Grady was served with a summons and complaint filed against the Canyon Creek Rural Fire District by Plaintiffs

 Victoria Roberts Dee, Joseph Linden, Dale Hudec, Barbara Nye, Robert Justesen,

 Peggy Justesen, Sam Stigman, Rebecca Stigman, Sienna Stigman, John Keller,

 Robert Putsch, Joane Bayer, and Constance Horder.
- 8. A response to the lawsuit, which is designated as Lewis & Clark County District Court Case No. DV-25-2024-674, was due November 12, 2024.
- 9. In his capacity as Board Chairman, Richard Grady made inquiries with law firms for representation, eventually determining that Vicevich Law would be the best option to defend the case.

10. Given the short time frame for a response to the lawsuit, Mr. Grady retained

Vicevich Law, which then obtained an extension to respond to the lawsuit to

November 26, 2024.

Pursuant to written public notice provided to the public on November 10, 2024, a 11.

special board meeting was called for discussion of the necessity of defense of the

lawsuit and for the Board of Trustees to ratify the retention of the services of

Vicevich Law.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Board of Trustees, on the 13th day of

November, 2024, having a quorum present following proper public notice considered this

resolution and it was duly adopted by a majority vote and be recorded in the Board Minutes.

DATED this 13th day of November, 2024.

By

Richard E. Grady, Board Chairman -Trustee

Attest: Ellen Almy-Eskildsen, Secretary, Trustee