

Carbon County EMS Board Minutes

June 17, 2025

Called to Order at 7:02 in Red Lodge at the RLFR facility

a) **Roll Call:** Board Members: Kim Haman, Anna Simons, Brooke Million, Kim Bader, Mark Patterson. Others Present: Tom Kuntz RLFR, Torsten Prah! RLFR, Terry Harper JEMS,

b) **Reading and Disposing of any unapproved minutes:** Minutes from April 17, 2025 were approved. Mark Patterson made the motion to approve, Kim Haman seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

c) **Reports of Board Members:** Patterson reported on the CFVEMS accident that occurred the previous day (June 16) and said that he had received calls and questions about what happened, but that no one had information at the time. Everyone's thoughts and prayers are with the families of those involved

d) **Public Comment in accordance with 2-3-103, MCA:** None

e) **Old Business:**

a) The reappointment of Kim Bader and Jeremiah Eldred was completed by Angela Newell.

f) **New Business:** None beyond agency reports

g) **Agency Reports:**

a. CFVEMS was unable to attend the meeting due to the accident from the day before.

b. Red Lodge report from Torsten Prah!: 210 calls so far this year – 45% were 911, 28% transfers, 23% non-transfer, and 5% other.

RL is getting ready for another HS EMT class this fall, which will have 9 students. The new ambulance should be back in RL soon, after some cabinet configuration issues are fixed. Chris Lamb is teaching PALS and ACLS classes – two of each will be offered over the course of the year, open to hospital as well as clinic providers in Joliet, etc. Additional education is being planned for the fall. On July 23rd a QA/QI review will be held with Dr. Oley, with Joliet and Bridger invited to attend.

RLFR is gearing up for a busy summer with standby's and events underway, to include establishing a critical incident response team to be available to all county providers (law enforcement, fire, EMS, etc.). Work is also continuing on a new

communications interface system (IM Responding) that will update info to and from dispatch.

Kim Haman reported that, per the Commissioners' meeting, the Red Lodge/Roberts Ambulance District will be dissolved as of June 30th.

- c. Joliet report from Terry Harper – 90 pages YTD: 44 were transfers, 4 involved trauma, 26 were refusals, 8 were standby's, and 2 were calls that RLFR responded to. During the same period last year Joliet had 17 dropped calls that others responded to, marking a significant improvement in 2025.

Joliet assisted with the day before's Bridger CFV accident; unfortunately, the CFV provider (Everett) remains in critical condition. Law enforcement provided important help, with deputies driving each rig to Billings for CFV. Rapport with law enforcement was much appreciated and everyone on scene did a great job.

Joliet EMS published its first newsletter which it then mailed to district residents. A copy was passed around the meeting, where it was well received. It sounds like it has been extremely well received in the community, too.

h) Additional topics discussed:

- a. Mark Patterson raised a question about insurance given the now-damaged CFV ambulance. Tom Kuntz mentioned that Bridger will be able to borrow Red Lodge's extra ambulance should it be needed. The issue of workers comp for volunteers was also discussed – a critical topic that the group decided should be revisited in greater depth at the next meeting.

- i) **Next meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for September 30th in Bridger (pending Roger's final approval), with a tour of the facility to follow.

Adjournment: Mark Patterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Simons. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Following the meeting, the board was hosted by RLFR for pizza and a walk-through of the impressive RLFR facility and ambulances.