

**BY-LAWS
FOR
THE MARYSVILLE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Also known as Marysville Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD)**



**Adopted November 12, 1989 by the Board of Trustees
Revised & Adopted by Board of Trustees December 18, 2012
Revised & Adopted by Board of Trustees April 9, 2024**

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE AND DUTIES

1. The purpose of the Board of Trustees of the Marysville Rural Fire District is to govern and manage the financial affairs of the Marysville Rural Fire District.
2. The trustees shall have the authority to provide adequate and standard fire fighting apparatus, equipment, housing and facilities for the protection of the district.
3. The trustees shall prepare and manage an annual budget and request special levies from the Board of County Commissioners of Lewis and Clark County.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERS

1. The board of trustees shall have (5) members, who shall be elected as provided by law. Elections for trustees are held in conjunction with school elections in May of each year.
2. The trustees shall be elected for a term of three (3) years beginning at the first district meeting following their election and continuing until their successors are elected or appointed.
3. A vacancy occurs on the board of trustees either by death or resignation of a member of the board or when a member no longer meets the qualifications of MCA 7-33-2106 (4).
4. The trustees may make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on who to appoint to fill vacancies on the board of trustees. Those appointees shall hold office until the next regular election. At that election, if necessary, a trustee will be elected to fill the unexpired term of the vacant trustee position.
5. Members of the board of trustees shall serve without compensation for their services but may be entitled to be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred as a result of their duties to the board.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS

1. Trustees shall meet three times per year in the months of February, June, and October on the 1st Tuesday of these months beginning at 6:30 p.m. at a designated location which will be posted beforehand on the Marysville Community Board located on 2nd Street and on the fire department's website at marysvillefd.com.
2. Special meetings can be called or regular meetings changed upon three (3) days' notice of all members of the board of trustees.
3. Notice of meetings shall be posted at least 24 hours in advance of all meetings on the Marysville Community Board located on 2nd Street and on the fire department's website at marysvillefd.com.
4. All meetings shall be open meetings and members of the public may attend.
5. Three members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting. If a Trustee is not available in person, the Trustee may attend by electronic means as long as verbal communication can be established between all members of the board and any public in attendance, and the Trustee is provided with any written information.
6. The act of a majority of the trustees present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute an act of the board of trustees.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

1. The board of trustees shall elect officers for chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary/treasurer to serve terms of one (1) year.
2. Election of officers shall be conducted during the regular meeting in June of each year.
3. The board of trustees may authorize two (2) or more officers or trustees to sign and approve checks for the disbursement of money of the district if necessary.
4. The officers shall keep correct and complete books and records of account for all money expended. The books and records of the district may be inspected by any member of the board or public for any proper purpose upon reasonable notice at a reasonable time.

ARTICLE V
AMENDMENTS

1. These bylaws shall be reviewed at least bi-annually to ensure compliance with changes in Federal, State and/or Local law or administrative rule.
2. These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a majority of the board of trustees present at any regular meeting provided, however, that at least thirty (30) days' written notice is posted on the Marysville Community Board located on 2nd Street and at the fire departments website at marysvillefd.com.

Approved this 9th day of April, 2024.

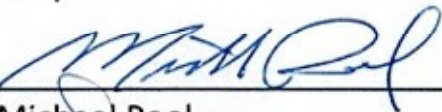
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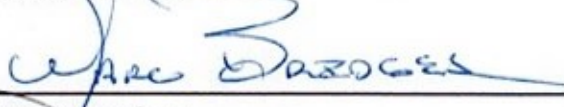
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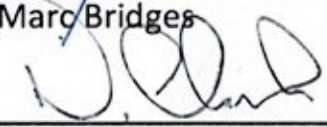
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