

OFFICIAL SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT  
LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY, MONTANA - MARCH 18, 2025

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. TO VOTE, COMPLETELY FILL IN ( ● ) THE OVAL USING A BLUE OR BLACK PEN.
2. To write in a name, completely fill in the oval to the left of the line provided, and on the line provided print the name of the write-in candidate for whom you wish to vote.
3. DO NOT MAKE AN IDENTIFYING MARK, CROSS OUT, ERASE, OR USE CORRECTION FLUID. If you make a mistake or change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one.

VOTE IN ALL COLUMNS

FIRE

CANYON CREEK RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUSTEE RECALL  
(VOTE IN ONE OVAL)

REASONS TO RECALL: In the elected capacity given to him by the public, Chairman Grady violated his oath of office, demonstrating gross incompetence as a CCRFD Trustee and public servant. The County Attorney's Office advised Grady that he must comply with open meeting and public participation laws. Grady nonetheless proceeded to violate MCA§2-3-103 at the 9/30/24 and 10/7/24 board meetings, prohibiting the public from offering comments unrelated to the agenda and on 10/7/24, Grady allowed only secret ballot voting violating MCA§2-3-212. At the 9/9/24 and 10/21/24 meetings, Grady violated MCA§2-3-203 by conducting performance reviews without first seeking privacy waivers. Grady administered 10/23/24 and 10/24/24 meetings via email without any public notice, and consistently violates public participation mandates under MCA§2-3-101 while holding excessive meetings over five months - many with consequential changes. Grady continually violates his sworn oath of office to uphold the Montana Constitution, Article II, Sections 8 and 9. Repeatedly disregarding the law and constitution and negligently administering meetings despite warnings, Grady lacks the competence to serve as our trustee. No explanations or apologies can remedy any of these consequences. We simply cannot support his callous disregard for the law and our rights. Please join us by voting FOR change.

RICHARD E. GRADY STATEMENT

REASONS NOT TO RECALL: I Richard Grady, Chairperson of the CCRFD Board of Trustees responding to the Recall Petition state that all the respective board meetings alleged in the Petition were in compliance with Montana Open Meeting laws. I state the allegations by the Petitioners are not clear and do not include supporting documentation.

\*\*CCRFD acted without need to seek a privacy waiver because personal information was not discussed. Nor, did any person with a possible privacy concern request privacy per MCA § 2-3-203(3).

\*\*Chairperson Grady asked for Public Comment as the Zoom Recording and CCRFD Minutes confirm, the CCRFD Treasurer demanded no Public Comment. See, MCA § 2-3-103(1)(c).

\*\*\*Chairperson Grady did not conduct a secret ballot as the Zoom Recording and CCRFD Minutes confirm. See, MCA § 2-3-212.

\*\*\*\*Chairperson Grady conducted emergency CCRFD meetings by email as permitted by MCA § 2-3-112(1), an emergency public safety concern existed. Water tender was in a critical unusable situation and emergency medical supplies were missing.

\*\*\*\*\*Chairperson Grady conducted only needed necessary meetings and length of meetings consistent to protect the public, given that three prior members and a former fire chief quit without any advance notice, placing the community in an emergency situation. MCA § 2-3-101.

- ☐ FOR recalling Richard E. Grady who holds the office of Canyon Creek Rural Fire District Trustee
- ☐ AGAINST recalling Richard E. Grady who holds the office of Canyon Creek Rural Fire District Trustee

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