



Teton County Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 474

911 N. Hwy 33

Tuesday, January 25, 2022- Driggs Fire Station, as well as Teleconferenced via Zoom

In Attendance:

Jason Letham, Fire Commissioner

Scott Golden, Fire Commissioner, via zoom

Bob Foster, Fire Commissioner

Bret Campbell, Fire Chief

Earle Giles, Fire Marshall

Ed Schauster, Deputy Chief Administration

B-Shift

Mariana O'Neill, Board Secretary

Bart Birch, Legal Counsel

Meeting began @ 1601 hours.

Minutes: Commissioner Letham asked if there were questions or comments on the prepared minutes from December 14, 2021 meeting.

Commissioner Foster noted a typo on the minutes.

No further questions or comments were made.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied "aye", and the minutes were approved.

Claims: Commissioner Foster asked for any questions or comments on the claims presented for the period **December 1st, 2021 through December 31st, 2021.**

No questions or comments were made.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the claims as presented.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the claims were approved as presented.

Budget Statement:

Commissioner Letham asked for any questions or comments on the December 2021 Budget Statement presented.

Commissioner Foster asked about the overtime line in the A budget. Chief Campbell explained that due to staff being out on extended sick leave, bereavement, and vacation, a lot of staff has been working overtime to backfill.

No further comments or questions were asked.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the Budget Statement as presented.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the Budget Statement was approved as presented.

Retirees III-A Coverage:

III-A insurance offers a continuation of health insurance benefits to employees that retire based on Persi retirement. Currently the Fire District does not offer this benefit to its employees. Chief Campbell asked the Fire Commissioner if this benefit could be added to our policy. There is no cost to the District associated with this benefit. The Fire Commissioner asked if they could discuss this matter with III-A Representatives. A meeting was set up for February 1st to discuss this option.

PTSD/PTSI Training:

Commissioner Foster asked if anyone would be interested in participating in the PTSD Training offered by the ISFC, on March 25-26,2022. Chief Campbell said that the District usually sends 3-4 employees. He will check with Chief Bollar

regarding participants this year. Commissioner Foster would also like to have one of the Fire Commissioners participate in the training.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to move the Administrative Assistant-Schedule item on the agenda to an executive session per IC 74-206(a)

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the motion was approved.

Dispatch Fees:

Secretary O'Neill informed the Commissioners about the upcoming meeting on February 28, to continue discussions with the County Commissioners regarding the dispatch fees. Commissioner Foster would also like to discuss any training opportunities between the District and the Sheriff Department.

Chief's Report:

Chief Campbell informed the Commissioners about the fire that took place at Tributary. The response team did an excellent job. Chief Giles reported that the building permits numbers are still increasing. Chief Schauster reported that he's still working on the submission of the grants, which should be done by the end of the month. Chief Hoyle reported the sale of a Chevy Trail blazer, and the chassis are still backordered for the new rescue truck.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Letham made a motion to enter executive session per IC 74-206(a)

(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general;

Commissioner Foster Seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Jason Letham, aye

Bob Foster, aye

Scott Golden, aye

The board moved into Executive session at 1713 hours

The board came out of Executive session at 1732 hours

Commissioner Foster made a motion to adjourn at 1735 hours.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Foster asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the Board of Fire Commissioners were adjourned.

