



Teton County Fire Protection District

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Driggs, ID 83422

Friday June 5th, 2020 – Driggs Fire Station as well as Teleconferenced via Zoom

In Attendance:

Jason Letham, Fire Commissioner / Board Chair
Scott Golden, Fire Commissioner
Bob Foster, Fire Commissioner
Bret Campbell, Fire Chief
Earle Giles III, Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal
Ed Schauster, Deputy Fire Chief
Monica Hoth, Board Secretary
Charis Schreiber, Local 4667
Bart Birch, Legal Counsel

On March 13, Governor Brad Little issued a proclamation ([attached](#)) declaring a state of emergency in the State of Idaho due to the occurrence and imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19). For the duration of the emergency declaration related to COVID-19, the Governor has suspended the portion of the Open Meetings Law that requires public agencies to have at least one member of the library board or the library director physically present at the meeting location designated in the meeting notice. All other requirements of the Open Meetings Law remain in place, including providing the public with the ability to attend public meetings by telecommunication devices.

Meeting began @ 1605 hours

FY 2020/21 Budget Discussion:

Chief Campbell began by presenting Fire Commissioners with a foregone history since the beginning of the District in 1996. Discussion began on budget increase history for the District and if the Fire District would take the accrued balance of foregone which is currently recorded with the State Tax Commissioner as a total of \$451,444, and the extent to which it would be taken, if at all. Timing of budget meetings, the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) renewal meetings with Local 4667, Public Budget Hearing, ad requirements and deadlines were discussed.

Commissioner Golden made a motion directing staff to present a budget for the August Public Budget Hearing which would include 100% of the accrued foregone total as well as to prepare a Capital Improvement Plan and notice the public budget hearing to include the intention to use the foregone.

Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Foster clarified his preference by saying he believes we can meet the needs of the budget by using 100% of the accrued foregone in the Capital Improvement budget and letting the 3% and new construction totals cover the challenges to the other areas of the budget.

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

Chief’s Report:

Fire Chief

Chief Campbell reported that he is working on a Job Description for the Fire Chief to round out each position having one on file. Discussion began on providing areas for each Fire Commissioner to report on at each monthly meeting. Chief Campbell will include this in the next monthly meeting, called Commissioners Report.

Deputy Fire Chief, Ed Schauster

Chief Schauster reported for Fire Commissioners that about 35 of 90 acres prosed in the fuels grant have been cleared already. Also, that there would be an ad upcoming for the Wildland firefighter seasonal positions.

Recess

Adjourn

Commissioner Golden made a motion to adjourn at 1817 hours.

Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.

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