



Teton County Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 474
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Driggs, ID 83422

Tuesday March 19th, 2019

Fire Commissioners in attendance:

Jason Letham
Scott Golden

Fire Commissioners not in attendance:

Kent Wagener

Also in attendance:

Bret Campbell, Fire Chief
Earle Giles III, Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal
Jared Colson, Battalion Chief/EMS
Charis Schreiber, Local 4667 President
Rebecca Parkinson, Local 4667
Bart Birch, Legal Counsel
Monica Hoth, Board Secretary
Tate Hoyle, on duty Shift Captain

Meeting began @ 1735 hours

Minutes: Commissioner Letham asked if anyone had question or comments on the prepared minutes from the **January 28th and February 11th, 2018** meetings.

No questions or comments were made.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to approve the January 28th minutes as presented.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. Both replied "aye", and the January minutes were approved as presented.

Commissioner Golden made a motion to approve the February 11th minutes as presented.

Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. Both replied "aye", and the February minutes were approved as presented.

Claims: Commissioner Letham asked for any questions or comments on the claims presented for the period **January 26th through March 15th, 2019.**

No questions or comments were raised.

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

Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.

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

Budget Statement:

Commissioner Letham asked for any comments or questions on the January 2019 and February 2019 Budget Statements presented.

There was brief discussion about the percentage total on the January A budget. Monica will fix the error for future budget statements, February was correct.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to approve the Budget Statements as presented.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. Both replied “aye”, and the Budget Statements were approved as presented.

Collective Bargaining Agreement regarding Battalion Chief's:

Charis Schreiber, President to Local 4667, expressed that she didn't have much to add after the conversations she had and letter which was submitted to Commissioners. The Local wishes to leave the topic of Battalion Chief's being including in the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the next negotiations when the contract is renewed in 2020.

Presentation of the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2018 TCFPD Audit:

Chief Campbell and Monica Hoth both reported to Commissioners about their experience with the Audit this year. Monica Hoth detailed her understanding of the results and a few details as she understood them from the report summary provided by the auditors, Rudd & Co.

Commissioner Golden asked about why Rudd & Co isn't the one presenting the findings, and requested that we bring them to the April meeting to present. Chief Campbell and Monica Hoth will work to ensure Rudd & Co is present in April.

Selection of Fire District Dental Insurance Plans:

Chief Campbell reviewed with Commissioners the options included in their meeting packet that detailed the rates and coverage options available for the renewal of the Dental plans for employees. This was originally discussed in November when the decision to move the medical coverage to III-A was made. At that time, we knew the Dental plan didn't expire or need to be renewed until May 1st, which is the reason it is being discussed now. Notice needs to be given no later than 30 prior to not only move away from Delta Dental but to begin with the III-A coverage for Dental which is with Blue Cross.

Moving away from Delta Dental also means we will no longer need the brokerage services of Argyle Insurance. They will still manage our Flexible Spending Account for a small fee.

The dental coverage with Blue Cross will save on premiums but also doubles the Benefit Period Maximum.

Commissioner Letham wanted to ensure that we would all still be able to use our local providers which Monica Hoth will ensure is the case.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to approve moving the District dental plan to the III-A dental plan, with the condition they still have the same area providers.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

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

Fire Inspection Fees; review & set hearing date:

Chief Giles discussed the updates and conversations about Fire Inspection Fees with the County as well as with the City of Driggs (begin FY Oct. 1st) and City of Victor. They will begin a conversation with the City of Teton in the coming days.

No hearing date was set.

Avalanche Danger Signage:

Commissioner Letham had interest from the public to convert our Fire Danger sign into an Avalanche Danger sign when it wasn't being used in the winter. Mr. Wade Kaufman's group will research cost of a new fitted sign and reach out to work out the management of the sign and fitting for the sign with the Fire District in the future. Commissioner agreed that would be a useful benefit to the community and if Kaufman's group would pay and be responsible for the sign, the Fire District will be happy to help.

Update Truck Chassis Swap:

Chief Campbell reported that the new truck is currently in IF getting finishing work done. All work is ahead of their initial timeline, so all is progressing great. The extra efforts have been well worth the trouble when the cost savings is considered, they anticipate radio work and everything will complete by May/June to have the tender in service.

Chief's Report:

Fire Chief

Chief Campbell reported there has been a ton of wildland fire season training going on in preparation for the upcoming season.

Chief Campbell also updated Commissioners on the completion of the internal promotions and new firefighter hired recently. All is back to normal staffing levels and he is pleased with the outcomes.

Chief Campbell also reported on the leadership training they have been completing. Feedback from the group has been that the training is useful and meaningful to all. They will also have the State Fire Marshal's office here this weekend for additional arson awareness training.

Fire Marshal

Chief Giles reported that they received another \$509 from EF Recovery. This program bills insurance for any hazardous materials clean up the staff do on accident calls to reimburse for the expense of materials. To date EF recovery has sent almost \$800 back to us since the beginning of our fiscal year.

EMS

Chief Colson reported to Commissioners that he and Ellie from TVH have had several meetings to stay in touch and work through items and topics to benefit the relationship we have with our partners at TVH. He went on to say that things are going great with that relationship and he looks forward and expects to see that continue.

Recess

Adjourn

Commissioner Letham made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

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

