



Teton County Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 474

911 N. Hwy 33

July 28, 2026- Driggs Fire Station, as well as Teleconferenced via Zoom

In Attendance:

Jason Letham, Fire Commissioner

Bob Foster, Fire Commissioner

Erin Borbet, Fire Commissioner- absent

Bart Birch – Legal Council

Mike Maltaverne-Fire Chief

Kevin Brown – Fire Marshal

Ed Schauster- Deputy Chief of Operations

Mariana O'Neill -CFO

Meeting began @ 1605 hours

Commissioner Letham called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Commissioner Letham asked if there were questions or comments on the prepared minutes from May and June 2026, meeting.

No comments or questions were asked.

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

Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.

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

Claims: Commissioner Letham asked for any questions or comments on the claims presented for the period of **May and June, 2026.**

No comments or questions were asked.

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

Commissioner Letham 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 June Budget Statement presented.

No comments or questions were asked.

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

Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.

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

Proposed Budget FY 2026-2027

Mariana presented details of the proposed budget, highlighting a 6.5% overall property tax increase due to new construction, increased salaries and benefits for additional firefighters and a new wildfire coordinator position, and a 12% rise in health insurance premiums. Mariana also outlined operational changes, including updates to IT contracts, fuel costs, and a new payroll/HR platform transition in October, and discussed capital improvements such as potential new IT workstations and cardiac monitoring equipment. The total operating budget is set at \$6.1 million, with a roughly 6% increase from the previous year.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to approve the proposed budget for FY 2027 as presented.

Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.

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

Chief's Report

Chief Maltaverne provided a personnel update, mentioning that four conditional job offers were made to candidates from the reserve pool, though one candidate has since had their offer rescinded. He reported that three new firefighters are currently in training and performing well, but the department still has two upcoming vacancies to fill - one from a firefighter resignation and another from a pending retirement. He also noted that Captain Jerry Moore has successfully taken over the reserve program, rebuilding it to seven members through training and onboarding processes. Chief also confirmed that the wildland mitigation coordinator position is now fully funded for three years through budget approvals from TVFACT and the Nature Conservancy. He provided updates on wildland deployments, noting an engine crew extension in California and potential assignments with Team 7 later in the week. Chief reported receiving the first payment of approximately \$109,000-110,000 from GEMT for emergency medical services coverage from January to September 2023, which will allow for the purchase of cardiac equipment and ventilators.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to adjourn at 1640 hours.

Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.

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

