



Teton County Fire Protection District

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Monday October 15th, 2018

Fire Commissioners in attendance:

Jason Letham
Kent Wagener
Scott Golden

Interim Fire Commissioners in attendance:

None Present

Also in attendance:

Bret Campbell, Fire Chief
Earle Giles III, Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal
Kevin Bollar, Battalion Chief of Training
Jon Wisby, Battalion Chief of Logistics
Jared Colson, Battalion Chief of EMS
Ed Schauster, Battalion Chief
Charis Schreiber, Local 4667 President
Bart Birch, Legal Counsel
Monica Hoth, Board Secretary
Tate Hoyle, Captain

Meeting began @ 1538 hours

Minutes: Commissioner Letham asked if anyone had question or comments on the prepared minutes from the **September 17th, 2018** meeting.

No questions or comments were made.

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

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

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

Claims: Commissioner Letham asked for any questions or comments on the claims presented for the period **September 1st to October 12th, 2018.**

Commissioner Golden asked about claims related to fixing the blazer. Chief Campbell answered his questions by explaining the blazer needed repair during a wildland deployment. No further questions or comments were raised.

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

Commissioner Wagener 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 comments or questions on the September 2018 fiscal year end Budget Statement presented.

Commissioner Wagener began a discussion to clarify the information in the Income of Property tax section of the budget statement. Chief Campbell also gave a brief overview of how the budget wrapped up for the fiscal year end, including brief information about the Wildland Fire season and the billing/income that will be presented at the November meeting.

Commissioner Letham 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.

Local 4667 Discussion of Article 13, continued from July meeting:

Commissioners began by discussing the letter from the Local 4667 Executive Board which was dated October 12 RE: Withdrawal of proposed MOU, until 2020 when the contract is up for re-negotiation. It was the preference of the Local body to withdraw from the proposed changes when confusion began about the scope of the MOU to include additional changes to the contract.

Commissioners agreed to withdraw the MOU that Local 4667 asked to open the contract to amend. It is understood this will be addressed again in the next contract negotiation.

The matter of Battalion Chief's being included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement is where the discussion continued.

Commissioner Wagener requested a full job description of the position of Battalion Chief. Commissioner Golden agreed and also expressed interest in seeing how the job description falls into Title 44 Chapter 1801 of Idaho Statute “Employment of Firefighters – Definitions”. Commissioner Golden went on to say if they are to be removed from the Collective Bargaining Agreement, then policy will need to be written to protect them.

All present agreed to continue discussion as it relates only to the earlier mentioned job description and the decision to keep or remove the Battalion Chiefs from the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Inspection Fees:

Fire Chief Bret Campbell presented and began a discussion on “Inspection and Plan Review Fee Schedule FY2019” to Fire Commissioners.

Commissioners agreed to move forward with implementation of fees to be collected by each of the three cities. Legal Counsel, Bart Birch, confirmed the fee notice will need to be noticed in the local paper and scheduled public hearings will need to take place per Idaho Statute 31-1417 (10) and further in 63-1311A.

Chief Campbell will discuss with each city and work toward this in the coming weeks and report back to Fire Commissioners on the progress.

Update on Purchase of New Ambulance:

Chief Campbell reported to Fire Commissioners that the new 2018 Ambulance which Commissioners approved in their April 16th, 2018 meeting is ready for the final inspection and to be taken home now. Battalion Chief Wisby will be flying out on Sunday the 21st to accomplish both. The decals and radios should be in place for the new ambulance to be in service before the end of October. This is a much faster turnaround than the original completion date of spring 2019.

Update on Fuels Reduction Grant Project:

Chief Campbell reported to Fire Commissioners that the Request for Bids process wrapped up with only one contractor submitting. He is still very confident in the ability of High Country RC& D to manage the grant work and will be reporting more as the work slowly begins to progress over the winter months leading up to Spring when a big part of the work is scheduled to begin.

SCBA Air Fill Station:

Chief Campbell provided Fire Commissioners with a quote, as was requested at last month’s meeting, for a new SCBA Air Fill Station to replace the mobile trailer fill station currently in operation. The quote is from L.N. Curtis for \$49,193.44. Discussion began on the Idaho Statute for purchasing new equipment, as well as a trade in value of the current station. It was deemed acceptable to use the quote provided to proceed with the purchase of the Air Fill Station.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to purchase from contingency funds, a new SCBA Air Fill Station. Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the motion to purchase the new fill station was approved as presented.

BLM Rural Fire Readiness Program (RFRP):

Chief Campbell presented Fire Commissioners with the opportunity to submit a grant application through RFRP to receive a type 4 wildland engine. Brief Discussion began on the reasoning for the application and how the equipment could be used at the Fire District.

Commissioners all gave approval for Chief Campbell to submit a grant application for this opportunity.

Chief's Report:

Fire Chief

Chief Campbell briefed Fire Commissioners on the physicals that have been ongoing for the fire personnel. They are finished with the first part and are awaiting the final evaluation of each person directly with the Dr. The majority of the staff did utilize their health insurance benefit to accomplish this.

Chief Campbell also updated Commissioners on the status of the III-A health insurance applications. Applications were submitted on 10/5/18 and we should hear back in the next couple weeks. He continued by telling Commissioners he has visited with our Insurance Broker, American Insurance to get them up to speed on the opportunity. He finished his report on this topic by letting Fire Commissioners know we have received the annual increase from Blue Cross of Idaho and was happy to report there was only a 4-5% increase in rates again this year.

Lastly, Chief Campbell asked Fire Commissioners if they had input or direction for him on this year's Holiday Party. Commissioner Golden asked that he report back to Commissioners on what the staff want to do this year, and they will try and give direction at the November meeting.

Recess

Adjourn

Commissioner Letham made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied "aye", and the Board of Fire Commissioners was adjourned at 1742 hours.