



Teton County Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 474
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Driggs, ID 83422

Tuesday July 30th, 2019

Fire Commissioners in attendance:

Jason Letham
Scott Golden
Kent Wagener

Also in attendance:

Bret Campbell, Fire Chief
Earle Giles III, Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal
Ed Schauster, Battalion Chief of Operations
Kevin Bollar, Battalion Chief of Training
Charis Schreiber, Local 4667 President
Monica Hoth, Board Secretary

Meeting began @ 1006 hours

Chief Officers Salary Increase:

Discussion began in regards to the Chief Officers Salary Increase included in the FY 2019/20 draft budget. It was recognized that the gap in pay grade levels will become an issue down the road as promotions into Officer level vacancies happen in the future. Ideas on dealing with this were discussed. Ways to reduce budget line items were also discussed. Dealing with the pay gaps between ranks were discussed further as the decision to deal with it partially now and partially in next year's labor negotiations.

Commissioner Letham asked Chief Campbell to report back on a list of Counties which pay their own dispatch costs against the few Counties where the Fire District pays any portion of their respective Counties dispatch costs.

It was agreed the increase for the Fire Chief, two Deputy Fire Chiefs and the Administrative assistant will receive 5% overall increases to their current wage.

Commissioner Golden made a motion to approve an increase of 5% to the Fire Chief, two Deputy Fire Chiefs and the Administrative Assistant.

Commissioner Le seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Letham made a motion to carry \$5,000 cash forward in the L2, in order to balance the increase to the A budget presented.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Wagener made a motion to approve the changes to the draft budget as presented in the meeting.

Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor, all replied “aye” and the motion was approved. Chief Campbell will work the changes discussed in today's meeting into the overall budget to be presented at the Public Budget Hearing August 16th, 2019.

Chief's Report:

Fire Chief

Chief Campbell reported to Fire Commissioners on the following topics, brief discussion on each:

- Vermeer Chipper was located, and this heavier duty chipper is required to do the work on the North Fuels Reduction Grant, Chief Campbell proposed making the purchase. The previous rentals are not enough to do the fuels reduction work. Chief Campbell will be using the indirect costs revenue from the Grant to pay for the chipper over time.

Commissioner Golden made a motion to approve the purchase of a chipper with the understanding that grant revenue will be collected to offset the purchase.

Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.

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

- Chief Campbell asked Commissioners to consider the purchase of a 2019 truck off the State Bid for 27k for a ¾ ton. This truck could better help crews going on wildland assignments. It would not need decals or light bars like the other vehicles in the fleet require. Commissioners wanted more time to consider this.

Recess

Adjourn

Commissioner Golden made a motion to adjourn at 1218 hours.

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

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