



# Teton County Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 474

911 N. Hwy 33

**Tuesday April 27th, 2021 - Driggs Fire Station, as well as Teleconferenced via Zoom**

**In Attendance:**

Jason Letham, Fire Commissioner

Scott Golden, Fire Commissioner

Bob Foster, Fire Commissioner

Bret Campbell, Fire Chief

Ed Schauster, Deputy Fire Chief

Kevin Bollar, Battalion Chief/Training

Tate Hoyle, Battalion Chief/Logistics

Jared Colson, Battalion Chief/EMS

Charis Schreiber, Union President

Becca Parkinson, Union Vice-President

Aaron Stiny, Union Secretary

Mariana O'Neill, Board Secretary

Bart Birch, Legal Counsel

*During the COVID-19 Crisis, Stage 2 Stay Healthy Orders allows a 10-person limit to public meeting. The Stay Healthy Order does not alter the requirements of the Idaho Open Meetings Act. 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 @ 1600 hours.**

**Minutes:** Commissioner Letham asked if there were questions or comments on the prepared minutes from March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 meeting.

No questions or comments were made.

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

**Commissioner Foster 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 **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**

No questions or comments were made.

**Commissioner Letham made a motion to approve the claims as presented.**

**Commissioner Foster 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 March 2021 Budget Statement presented.

Commissioner Foster asked about the Fleet Maintenance Budget Line. Chief Campbell began a discussion on Fleet Maintenance.

No further questions or comments were made.

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

**Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.**

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

***Wage Study Update:***

Doug Johnson of Ralph Andersen & Associates presented via zoom. Currently, he is still collecting data from some of the comparable agencies. He is hoping to have a draft ready by next week. The draft will be emailed to Chief Campbell and then shared with the Steering Committee.

## **Local 4667 Presentation.**

Becca Parkinson, Union Vice President informed the Board about the resources available for contract bargaining from Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. She took initiative and filed a F-7 form-Notice of Bargaining, assigning the Union and District a mediator if the negotiations reach an impasse.

## **Capital Improvement Plan:**

Discussion began with Commissioner Foster asking where we stand. The discussion revolved around remodeling Station 1 as a priority. It was also discussed whether a new station should be built to accommodate the high increase in population, or if a renovation of the existing building would suffice. Budget restraints were the main concern, and a possible levy was discussed if a new station was to be built. Commissioner Letham and Chief Campbell will form a steering committee that will meet on a weekly basis to discuss the Station's needs. The findings are to be reported at the next monthly meeting in May. The plan will then proceed with an RFQ.

## **Chief's Report :**

Chief Bollar updated the Commissioners on the current and upcoming training opportunities.

Chief Schauster updated the Commissioners on the upcoming Wildland Season. Reports show that yet again, we will have a dry summer with an increased risk of Wildland Fires.

Chief Hoyle updated Commissioners on the new water tender that should be ready within the next couple of weeks.

Chief Campbell updated the Commissioners on building permits on the behalf of Chief Giles. Chief Campbell also discussed the mask policy and whether the District should open to the public. Commissioners agreed that closed to the public policy should stay in place and re-evaluate at the next meeting.

## **Executive Session**

**Commissioner Letham made a motion to enter executive session per IC 74-206(e). To consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governing body is in competition with governing bodies in other states or nations.**

**Commissioner Foster Seconded the motion.**

Roll Call:

Jason Letham, aye

Bob Foster, aye

The board moved into Executive session at 1835 hours

The board came out of Executive session at 1930 hours

**Recess**

***Adjourn***

**Commissioner Letham made a motion to adjourn at 1930 hours.**

**Commissioner Foster seconded the motion, and the Board of Fire Commissioners was adjourned.**

