



Teton County Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 474

911 N. Hwy 33

Tuesday May 25, 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

Earle Giles, Fire Marshall

Jared Colson, Battalion Chief/EMS

Charis Schreiber, Union President

Becca Parkinson, Union Vice-President

Aaron Stiny, Union Secretary

William Fox, Firefighter

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 April 27th, 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 **April 1st, 2021 through April 30th, 2021.**

No questions or comments were made.

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 April 2021 Budget Statement presented.

No questions or comments were made.

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.

EMS Reports:

Chief Colson presented the quarterly EMS Reports. Based on the reports from our billing companies, the net collectible receivables are estimated to be at around 80%. The number of EMS calls remained steady throughout the years.

Wage Study Update:

Chief Campbell updated the Commissioners on the wage study. At this time, the draft was not received. The information was collected in full from 12 comparable agencies, 2 agencies provided partial information, and 2 agencies chose not to provide any information. Union President Schreiber made the Commissioner aware that the Union would like to start negotiations in the beginning of July.

III-A Insurance:

It was brought to the Commissioners attention that some of the benefits the District offers to the employees are not available on the date of the hire. It was the Commissioners intent to have all the benefits available on the first day of employment. Upon further research it was discovered the most insurance companies have a waiting period anywhere from 30-90 days for billing purposes. It was agreed that when we have a new employee all the benefits are to start the 1st day of the month following the hire date.

Wyoming Contract:

The Fire Commissioners discussed the upcoming contract renewal with Teton County, WY, for providing EMS services to Alta, WY. Due to increased number of calls, the Fire District would like to hire additional staff to keep up with the demand and maintain the same excellent quality of services. A new contract was presented to Teton County WY Commissioners. The Wyoming Commissioners were appreciative for the services Teton County Fire Protection District offers to the Wyoming residents.

HB389-New Property Tax Bill:

Chief Campbell updated the Commissioners on the new property tax bill. With the new bill, the total possible property tax caps at 8%. In addition, the ability to use forgone has been cut dramatically and new construction/annexation will be reduced.

Chief's Report :

Chief Giles updated the Commissioners about the upcoming ISO insurance rating review. The last one the District had was back 2012.

Chief Campbell asked the Commissioners whether we should be open to the public again due to increased rates of vaccinations. Commissioners agreed to open the fire station to the public.

Recess

Adjourn

Commissioner Letham made a motion to adjourn at 1800 hours.

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

