



Teton County Fire Protection District

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Board of Fire Commissioners

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Kent Wagener, District 3
Monica Hoth, Secretary

April 12, 2016

Attendance District Commissioners: Jason Letham; Scott Golden; Kent Wagener
Interim Commissioners: Jere Lemieux
District Legal Counsel: Bart Birch
District Public Relations: Becky Mitchell
Fire Chief: Bret Campbell
Division Chief-Prevention: Earle Giles, III
Division Chief-Training/EMS: Edward Schauster
Shift Captains: Tim Ruhrup
Driver/Operators:
Firefighters:
Board Secretary: Monica Hoth
Local 4667:
Public:

Welcome @ 1400 hours

Commissioner Letham welcomed everyone to the meeting

Minutes:

Commissioner Letham asked for any questions about the March 11th meeting minutes to be approved. No questions were asked.

Commissioner Wagener made a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor, with all replying "aye".

Claims:

Commissioner Letham asked if there were any questions or comments on the March claims. No questions or comments were made.

Commissioner Golden then made a motion to accept the March claims as presented.

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham called for all in favor. All replied "aye" and the claims were approved unanimously as presented.

Budget Statement:

Commissioner Letham asked if anyone had questions or comments on the March Budget Statement. Commissioner Golden asked Chief Campbell about the line item for meals and why it was over the budgeted amount. Chief Campbell explained most of that was per diem paid out in October for September deployments, and wildland payments haven't all come in yet. He said he did intend to raise the amount in next year's budget. Commissioner Golden also asked about the Fire Equipment budget being over. Chief Campbell detailed the monies approved a few months back for the light and heavy engines getting updated to meet the upper snake wildland standard for future deployments. Commissioner Letham asked about the line for Communications, and why that had gone over. Chief Campbell explained that we paid upfront, \$6,587 for 6 new radios and a grant will reimburse \$6,000 of that money.

Commissioner Wagener made a motion to accept the March budget statement as presented. Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham called for all in favor. All replied "aye" and the claims were approved unanimously as presented.

Rudd & Co Financial Audit Completed:

Monica Hoth reviewed the audit with the Commissioners. Each Commissioner had already received it and had their own chance to review it. Chief Campbell told the Commissioners this year's audit was more in depth than the previous 11 years he has been with the District. With the expanded requirements to audit our PERSI contributions and with there being a new Admin Assistant this year, they were very thorough in the initial audit interviews, as well as through the rest of the audit process. The Fire Commissioners asked Becky and Monica to make this audit available on the website and they will do so in the coming days.

Health Insurance Renewal Rates:

Commissioners confirmed that the Local 4667 had reviewed and approved of the rate increase to the Blue Cross of Idaho plan as it was presented. Monica Hoth reported to Commissioners she had heard directly from Adam, local 4667 president, that they supported staying with the current plan and taking the increase. The local did have a chance to consider the Washington State plan, and found it more expensive and provide less than what we already use and pay. Chief Campbell recommended the plan be renewed as it currently is, along with the rate increase.

Commissioner Wagener made a motion to approve the Blue Cross of Idaho Insurance plan as presented, with the rate increases presented.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham called for all in favor. All replied "aye" and the motion to approve the Insurance renewal of Blue Cross of Idaho was passed with rate increases effective May 1st, 2016.

SCBA Trailer Swap:

Chief Campbell told Commissioners the latest of the ongoing opportunity to swap out the current Teton County Fire SCBA air fill station trailer for a brand new wall mounted unit that the New Plymouth Fire Department would pay to install at the station. Roger

Crane the sales rep for Weidner Fire is working with Alan, the New Plymouth Fire Chief to see if this can work for both fire departments. Chief Campbell explained that we do not use the trailer itself, only the air fill station. The two units would provide the exact same air filling and use the same amount of power and plugs they already have and use in the current trailer. This new option would be a fixed mounted unit that, delivered and installed, would be valued at \$52,595. While our trailer, which is used but in pristine condition is valued around \$30,000 but may not fetch that full value if sold. The reason New Plymouth would want the mobile trailer, Campbell went on to detail, is that a brand new trailer unit would cost them \$60-\$70,000, possibly more, and they really need the mobile unit. Chief Campbell recommends the swap be approved by the Fire Commissioners today, and then the New Plymouth Fire Commissioners would need to do the same for both parties to put into action.

Commissioner Wagener made the motion to “proceed with the SCBA trailer swap, getting rid of our current trailer that we don’t use and replacing it with a similar model of similar beneficial value”.

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion.

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

Personnel Changes – Div. Chief of Training/EMS:

Chief Campbell informed the Fire Commissioners that Div. Chief Edward Schauster has taken a position with Air Methods as a Flight Medic out of West Yellowstone, MT. His last full time status with TCFD is April 30th. Beginning in May he would like to keep Chief Schauster as a Div. Chief of EMS instead of Div. Chief of Training/EMS. Chief Schauster would still be available to work part time and fill in as Duty Chief.

Emergency Medical Services (plans, proposals and interactions):

County Commissioner Cindy Riegel joined the Fire Commissioners at 1534 and had the opportunity to speak about the proposals and ongoing deliberation. They discussed the history leading up to being asked for the proposal and answered questions she had about the relationship between TCFD and TVHC.

Chief’s Report

Operations

Chief Campbell briefly discussed the house fire on Teague Ave. He said that the FD would be withdrawing \$500 from the relief fund in the coming days to give to the family whose basement caught on fire.

Chief Campbell asked the Commissioners to consider a duty pay put into effect for himself, Chief Giles, Chief Schauster, and any Captains that end up taking fill in opportunities. Duty pay would be \$1.50/hour for either 14 or 24 hours depending on the day and what Chief was already in the office that day. Not to exceed 128 hours a week.

Commissioner Wagener was in approval of this, however wanted to revisit the topic with the budget this summer to see if it was still needed.

Commissioner Golden spoke about that fact that he has experience working on call and applauds the effort to put pay to it. He went further to explain that with only 2 Chiefs left to take Duty Call, it could be quite taxing and this may help.

Commissioner Golden made the motion to approve the Duty Call/Duty Pay as presented.

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

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

Training

Chief Schauster gave an update on the Hazmat training and testing going on. Also about the Fire Academy that was attended last week at EITC.

Prevention

Chief Giles gave an update on the Teague Ave fire.

He also updated the Commissioners on the upswing of building permits he is still seeing.

Fire Commissioners left the Fire Station at 1615 hours to attend the 1630 meeting of the ASD at the County Courthouse.

The County Courthouse ASD meeting adjourned at 1734hours

Recess

Adjourn @1740 hours

Interim Commissioner Lemieux made a motion to adjourn

Commissioner Golden seconded the motion, and adjourned the Board of Fire Commissioners until the next meeting.