



# Teton County Fire Protection District

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Driggs, ID 83422

**Monday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Fire Commissioners in attendance:**

Jason Letham  
Kent Wagener

**Interim Fire Commissioners in attendance:**

Jere Lemieux

**Also in attendance:**

Bret Campbell, Fire Chief  
Jon Wisby, Battalion Chief of Logistics  
Ed Schauster, Battalion Chief of Reserve Program  
Charis Schreiber, Local 4667 President  
Rebecca Parkinson, Local 4667  
Nathan Brown, Local 4667  
Scott Hansen, Firefighter  
Aaron Stiny, Reserve Firefighter  
Chris Plennes, Shift Captain  
Bart Birch, Legal Counsel  
Monica Hoth, Board Secretary

**Meeting began @ 1533 hours**

**Minutes:** Commissioner Letham asked if anyone had question or comments on the prepared minutes from the **July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018** meeting.

No questions or comments were made.

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

**Commissioner Letham seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. Both 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 **July 14<sup>th</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

No questions or comments were raised.

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

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

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

#### **Budget Statement:**

Commissioner Letham asked for any comments or questions on the July 2018 Budget Statement presented.

No questions or comments were made.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to approve the July 2018 Budget Statement as presented.

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. Both replied "aye", and the July Budget Statement was approved as presented.

#### ***FY 2019 Budget Hearing as posted in the TVN 8/9/18 and 8/16/18:***

Chief Campbell began by presenting to Commissioners the proposed budget and L2 tax worksheet which shows the amount to be levied.

A brief discussion began on the overall budget information presented.

Commissioner Letham then opened up the hearing to anyone from the public who had any questions or comments. No members of the public were present. Department personnel and Local 4667 representatives also had no questions or comments when asked.

Commissioner Letham made a motion to approve the FY 18/2019 budget as presented.

Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.

Board Secretary, Monica Hoth, asked for a roll call on the vote.

Commissioner Wagener replied, "Aye".

Commissioner Letham replied, "Aye".

Interim Commissioner Lemieux replied, "Aye".

The motion to approve the FY 2018/2019 budget for the Teton County Fire Protection District was approved as presented.

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

Commissioners began by reviewing the amendments presented by both Chief Campbell as well as by the Local 4667.

Discussion began on the details and differences to both amendments presented.

Commissioner Letham asked to table the discussion until the September meeting when Commissioner Golden would be back for the full board to consider the amendments presented.

### ***Inspection Fees:***

Chief Campbell reported that Commissioner Golden would like to discuss Inspection Fees and what interest there may, or may not be in installing them for the Fire District.

Discussion on the use of fees, how to implement fees and what revenue from fees could be used for began. Both Commissioners Wagener and Letham were neutral on the idea at the end of the discussion.

Commissioner Wagener asked to table the discussion until the August meeting.

### ***Health Insurance:***

Chief Campbell reported to Fire Commissioners about an opportunity to switch providers of the Fire Districts health insurance policy. Currently health insurance is provided with help from a broker, and administered by Blue Cross of Idaho. What is being explored, is the opportunity to join the Idaho Independent Intergovernmental Authority (IIIA) in their pool of Idaho local governments through a Trust, governed by the III-A Board of Trustees. We would first have to qualify and be eligible to join their group, which requires a full rating application be submitted by each employee. Once we know if we are eligible to join, we will be given plans and rates to choose from or decline altogether. It is possible with this new opportunity to not only expand our coverage benefits, but to also lower our rates.

Commissioners directed Chief Campbell to continue the process of finding out if the Fire District would qualify. Once we know about qualifying, and are given rates and coverage levels to evaluate, we will bring it back to Commissioners for further direction.

### ***Chief's Report:***

#### **Fire Chief**

Chief Campbell reported on the inspections from the Fire Marshal office, as well as to the ongoing training that is happening.

He also updated Commissioners on the status of the wildland deployments.

### ***Recess***

### ***Adjourn***

**Commissioner Letham made a motion to adjourn.**

**Commissioner Wagener seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. Both replied "aye", and the Board of Fire Commissioners was adjourned at 1727 hours.**