



Teton County Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 474

911 N. Hwy 33

Tuesday, February 24, 2026- Driggs Fire Station, as well as Teleconferenced via Zoom

In Attendance:

Jason Letham, Fire Commissioner

Bob Foster, Fire Commissioner

Erin Borbet, Fire Commissioner, via zoom

Mike Maltaverne-Fire Chief- absent

Kevin Brown – Fire Marshal

Jared Colson – Battalion Chief of EMS via zoom

Bart Birch- Legal Council

Mariana O’Neill -CFO

Meeting began @ 1604 hours

Commissioner Letham called the meeting to order.

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Minutes: Commissioner Letham asked if there were questions or comments on the prepared minutes from January 2026, meeting.

No comments or questions were asked.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Commissioner Borbet 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 **January 1-31, 2026.**

No comments or questions were asked.

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

Commissioner Borbet 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 January Budget Statement presented.

No comments or questions were asked.

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

Commissioner Borbet seconded the motion.

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

Public Hearing:

Pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 31-3914 (8), 63-1311 and 63-1311A, for consideration and adoption of the new Teton County Fire Protection District EMS Fees Schedule (the “Fees Schedule”).

No members of the public were present for comment. No comments were received by mail or email.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the new EMS Fee Schedule, effective March 1, 2026.

Commissioner Borbet seconded the motion.

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

FY 2025 Annual Audit – Fred Goodworth, CPA, Wipfli

Fred presented the audited financial statements of the Teton County Fire Protection District, highlighting a clean opinion and strong financial position with a net position of \$7.4 million and a fund balance of \$7.195 million. He explained the government-wide statements and fund financials, noting that revenues exceeded expenses by \$640,000 for the year. Fred then discussed the required communications, including estimates in the financials, significant disclosures, and proposed adjustments approved by Mariana. The conversation ended with Fred emphasizing the absence of disagreements with management and the presence of required supplementary information. The financial statements were deemed accurate and compliant with government standards.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the audit for FY 2025 as presented.

Commissioner Borbet seconded the motion.

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

Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator Position

The meeting discussed the creation of a new mitigation coordinator position, funded equally by the fire district, Teton Valley Fire Action Community Team (TV FACT), and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for three years starting FY27. The position will be responsible for coordinating wildfire mitigation efforts, working with partner agencies like the Forest Service and BLM, and engaging with community members for risk reduction. The group agreed to develop a job description and operating budget for the next three years, with an estimated annual budget of \$150,000 to be split among the funding parties. The group also discussed a recent \$10,000 grant from the Teton Springs Foundation to use for a fire modeling project with Xylo plan. The Commissioners directed the Fire Chief to work on a job description and budget.

Budget Workshop and Chief's Report

The meeting focused on budget planning, staffing needs, and strategic initiatives for the fire district. Chief Maltaverne presented a detailed overview of current and future budget needs, including equipment replacements and proposed staffing increases to address response time issues. The group discussed a potential levy override or permanent funding measure, with Chief suggesting a phased approach to voter engagement. Erin Borbet reported on efforts to establish a non-profit foundation for the district, though progress has been slow. The conversation ended

with updates on a new five-year contract with Jackson, Wyoming, for mutual aid services, and discussions about Teton Valley Health's financial situation and its potential impact on the fire district's operations.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to publish the new EMS rates as presented.

Commissioner Borbet seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Letham made a motion to adjourn at 1705 hours.

Commissioner Borbet seconded the motion.

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