

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

REGULAR MEETING

May 24th, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
125 W. Hayden Avenue, Hayden, Idaho

I. Call To Order

COMMISSIONER THOMPSON called meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioners Amende, Clark, Halpin, Thompson and Washko

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Riley, Division Chief Mather, Division Chief Van Ert, Fire Marshal Drechsel, Secretary Knapp, Jim Lyon, Phil Foley and Kevin Croffoot.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

COMMISSIONER THOMPSON led the Pledge.

III. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

IV. Consent Calendar

The consent calendar for May 24th, 2018 was presented for review as follows:

- A. Approval of May 24th, 2018 Agenda as presented
- B. Approval of May 10th, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented
- C. Approval of Unpaid and Paid Bills Lists

COMMISSIONER HALPIN made a motion, seconded by **COMMISSIONER AMENDE** to approve the May 24th, 2018 Consent Calendar as presented.

COMMISSIONER THOMPSON called for discussion. There was no discussion.

COMMISSIONER THOMPSON called for a roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE:	
Commissioner Amende	Yes
Commissioner Clark	Yes
Commissioner Halpin	Yes
Commissioner Thompson	Yes
Commissioner Washko	Yes

Motion carried

V. Public Input

There was no public input.

VI. Reports

A. Chief's Report – Was presented for review. CHIEF RILEY reported on the following:

1. Lease Pre-Payment – The board adopted a budget with funding to pre-pay the two tenders lease purchase with Sun Trust, in the amount of \$223,000. CHIEF RILEY stated that a final payoff amount is forthcoming from Sun Trust. It was noted the original lease term would be 2021. CHIEF RILEY asked for direction from the board on moving forward.

CHIEF RILEY noted that if the tenders lease is paid off early, next year's budget (FY2019) would only have to fund the lease payment on new Rosenbauer engine (V-39).

The board's consensus was to move forward with pre-paying the lease as budgeted.

2. Station Repairs – Due to the cost and frequency of replacement, will be replacing all the exterior lights at Station 2 with more efficient LED lighting at an estimated cost of \$1,700.00. CHIEF RILEY also reported that FIRE MARSHAL DRECHSEL is still waiting for contractors to get back with quotes on installing bollards in front of Station 1.
3. National Fire Academy (NFA) – Attended the Executive Leadership and Administration course at the NFA in Maryland last week. CHIEF RILEY reported it was an excellent class with a lot of good information.
4. Levy Discussion – CHIEF RILEY stated that has met with administrative staff to discuss the recent levy election and is looking for input from the board on moving forward. He reported that all but one of the 17 precincts in the District had a final ballot count of majority yes votes; and that the precinct located near Hauser had a 44% yes vote. There was further discussion on the following:

- a. A temporary override levy requires a simple majority (51%) versus the supermajority (66 2/3rd%) for a permanent override. CHIEF RILEY noted that a temporary override levy, if passed, would have to be passed again by the voters every two years; it would allow the District to hire additional firefighters, but would potentially have to do lay-offs if the override wasn't approved in ensuing elections.
- b. The District saw \$116,000 in new construction funding this year; and the 3% increase was \$139,000 in additional levy.
- c. Leading up the levy election on 5/15, administrative staff attended community meetings to present information on the need for another station, including:
 - i. Hayden Chamber of Commerce;
 - ii. Hayden Rotary Club; and
 - iii. Rathdrum Chamber of Commerce
- d. The District also put out a newsletter and flyer entitled "Chief's Message" with information on the funding needed to hire 9 additional firefighters to staff a third station; union members did go door-to-door in the Garwood/Hudlow area to hand these out. There was discussion on all the work the union put into supporting the levy.

COMMISSIONER CLARK stated that with the 60% approval of an override levy on 5/15 that he recommends asking the voters again in November. **COMMISSIONER CLARK** and **COMMISSIONER WASHKO** stated that they are not in favor of a temporary 2-year override levy due to the possibility of having to eventually lay off any new hires. There was also discussion on better educating voters on the override levy requiring a super majority approval to pass.

CHIEF RILEY reported that the deadline to notify the county elections office on whether the District will hold an override levy election on 11/6 is no later than 9/7. The board's consensus was to move forward with holding a permanent override levy election in November.

There was discussion on getting feedback from citizens and finding more ways to educate the public on why an override levy is needed, including the limited funding from new growth and how tax levies work, i.e. levy rates being based on the total net taxable market value of all property in the District.

B. Commissioner Reports

There were no commissioner reports.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the regular meeting was adjourned upon the motion of **COMMISSIONER WASHKO** and as seconded by **COMMISSIONER THOMPSON** at 10:29 a.m.

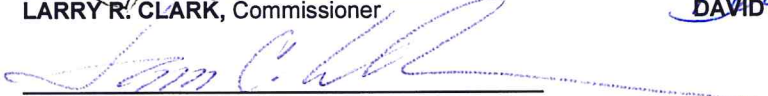
COMMISSIONER THOMPSON called for the vote and all were in agreement to the motion.


 TERRY J. THOMPSON, Chairman


 DENNIS L. AMENDE, Commissioner


 LARRY R. CLARK, Commissioner


 DAVID P. HALPIN, Commissioner


 JAMES C. WASHKO, Commissioner

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of a duly called meeting of the governing body of the Northern Lakes Fire Protection District held in accordance with all applicable legal requirements, including Idaho Open Meeting Law, on the 24th day of May 2018.

ATTEST BY: 
 Valerie Knapp, District Secretary

