

**OFFICIAL SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, TETON COUNTY, WYOMING**

The Teton County Board of Commissioners met in special session on **February 7, 2018** in the Commissioners Chambers located at 200 S. Willow in Jackson. The meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

Commission present: Mark Newcomb Chair, Greg Epstein, Smokey Rhea, and Paul Vogelheim. Natalia Macker was absent.

A workshop on the Teton Village Special Fire District began Alyssa Watkins, County Commissioners Administrator, opened with an outline of the workshop. Susan Johnson, Planning Manager, presented the Board with an overview and background of Teton Village Area 1 and Area 2. She addressed the Area 1 Phasing Plan, Exactions and Commitments.

Carlin Carney, Teton Village Special Fire District Chair, presented to the Board their agenda for the workshop. She provided the history of the Fire District. TVSFD Operations include 508.79-acres and maintains mutual aid agreements with several organizations. The TVSFD is made up of 16 volunteers with recruitment efforts ongoing. Access is constrained at the existing fire station by both street conditions and ramp space. An Operations Assessment was completed by Emergency Vehicle Response in 2015. The assessment reported the current fire station is becoming too cramped and crowded to meet the department's needs and to provide adequate space for equipment inspections, maintenance and training. Apparatus bays are cramped for personnel movement and space; inadequate space for vehicle and equipment inspections, maintenance and training. There is no formal watch room or communications are. Certain National Fire Protection Association Standards cannot be complied with and there is no potential for expansion on current footprint. There are concerns with current station as sole location for fire services. The growth of Teton Village since 2002, along with planned expansion and development of Teton Village over the next several years, will dramatically increase the need for fire and emergency services by the TVSFD. This translates to more firefighting trucks, equipment, and firefighters. Staffing levels required for new equipment, demand zones, and types of occupancy will require additional firefighters and housing. The 2016 Insurance Services Office Review included analysis by the ISO using its Fire Suppression Rating Schedule, the TVSFD maintained a Public Protection Classification of 05/5X. The ISO review determined that 2 engine companies (fire trucks) are needed at this time, and the TVSFD received credit for just one, and indicated that improvement is need in training in structure fire related subjects.

Immediate and long-term needs include a location to park a new pump truck, training and parking areas, improved safety for egress/ingress, a permanent home, and firefighter housing close to the fire station. Ms. Carney gave an overview of the TVSFD's current stakeholder process. Site plan options include the Maintenance Lot and Village Park parcel (north or south end sites).

Nicole Krieger, attorney for the Teton Village Special Fire District, discussed the requested next steps:

- The Stakeholder process should continue with Teton Village Stakeholders working together to discuss best options and locations for a future fire station and fire services
- A formal determination should be made by the Teton County Board of County Commissioners that land for additional fire services in Teton Village is needed in a timely manner; prior to this determination, the TVSFD can provide additional information as requested by the Board
- Prior to, or in connection with, the transfer of the 11.7-acre Village Park parcel from Four Shadows to Teton County, the Board should formally memorialize that the obligation to reserve land within Teton Village for a future fire station, as required in the Teton Village Expansion PUD Standards and Conditions, remains in effect

Amberley Baker, attorney for Four Shadows, addressed the Board regarding a letter dated February 6, 2018 sent to the BCC about the 12.25-acre exaction parcel historically referred to as the "Village Park Parcel."

Jerry Blann, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, addressed the Board regarding long-term issues of TVSFD and JHMR. On behalf of the Teton Village Association, the firehouse on the exaction parcel makes more sense than a school, use on the maintenance lot, and enough space to accommodate all needs.

Jeff Daugherty, TCSD #1, addressed the Board regarding growth and capacity issues in the school over the next 8-10 years.

Discussion among the Board included current facilities are not ideal, solution/recommendation from Stakeholder group would be helpful, more historical data on why TVSFD is separate from JH Fire/EMS, and separate presentations from other stakeholders to understand the total growth at Teton Village.

The meeting was recessed at 10:27am and reconvened at 10:37am.

The workshop on Taming the Wild Waste Project Update began with Heather Overholser giving a review of the status regarding ISWR capital projects: Recycling Center, Waste Excavation, Trash Transfer Station and Landfill Closure, including the overall Taming the Wild Waste budget.

Recycling Center – The Recycling Center Phase 1 construction was completed in 2017 on budget. Phase 2 is on hold until FY2020. However, staff would like to proceed with the final design and procurement of the phase 2 construction in FY2019.

Waste Excavation – Montana Civil Contractors has been doing waste excavation for the last two years. They are going to start again next week with the demolition of the Transfer Station and continuing to excavate waste in the area of the TTS so that by June 1 the TTS contractors can start their work with the construction. Montana Civil's cost of the TTS demo is \$165,000, as compared to an estimated \$270,000 as part of the TTS construction project. By separating out the demo from the TTS contract, the County is saving an approximate \$105,000. Fall 2018 completion is projected. An annual waste excavation and landfill closure operating report was recently submitted to the US Forest Service for work that will occur on BTNF property as part of an approved USFS Special Use Permit.

Interim Transfer Station – The Interim Transfer Station (ITS), which was added on to this project about a year ago, was just given the Certificate of Occupancy and was under budget. Moving into the new facility as soon as possible is imperative as the old transfer station is failing due to years of settling and a significant water leak last summer. Demo should start on February 12th.

Permanent Trash Transfer Station: ISWR bid out the permanent TTS construction in October 2017, and we received five bids. Staff budgeted \$7.13 million for this project, and the low bid is approximately \$6 million, including 10% construction contingency. The company have received all good reports through reference checks. They are RSCI and are from Boise, ID. They are working on getting their Town of Jackson contractor's license.

Landfill Closure/Capping: Per WDEQ requirement, the landfill must be capped by Dec. 31, 2019. ISWR plans to bid out landfill closure in January 2019, for an April 2019 construction start. Once the landfill is capped, ISWR will initiate a Habitat Enhancement Plan for the entire site. ISWR worked with the Planning Department and Pioneer to establish a conceptual plan, and ISWR will bid out the final vegetation mitigation/habitat enhancement plan in summer 2018.

Animal Carcass Disposal: With the closure of the landfill in July 2019, the dead animal pit will have to be closed. A new system for carcass disposal – for both wild game and domestic animals - will be necessary. It has recently become clear to staff that as wildlife disease management is outside of ISWR's area of expertise, the Division may not be the best entity to deal with wild game carcass disposal. With Chronic Waste Disease on Teton County's doorstep, and with the great challenges and risks it presents in carcass disposal, ISWR hopes to facilitate a community solution for wild game carcasses, as opposed to owning it. An agency with wildlife disease management expertise would be much better equipped to manage this. Domestic carcasses will likely continue to be managed by ISWR and shipped to Bonneville County's dead animal pit.

Compost program improvements and infrastructure: Composting is the last component of the entire project, to put in that final composting infrastructure. There is not a lot of infrastructure we have to put in, we are relying on the contractor for a lot of it as it is movable infrastructure. The fixed infrastructure is mainly water and electricity, the County would provide. The budget is approximately \$1.5 million. These facility improvements are in line with the timing of the award of the new composting contract in November 2019. ISWR hopes to have the food waste early adopters program initiated by fall 2020. In the meantime, staff is working with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality on amending the TTS operating permit to allow for the collection and processing of food waste. Also, 2018 will be the second season of the Subaru-sponsored food waste collection pilot project in Grand Teton National Park.

An attempt to show the ISWR video on the Recycling Center was made. The Board was informed they can view the video on the county website on the ISWR webpage at www.tetoncountywy.gov/1594/Tours.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Rhea and seconded by Commissioner Epstein to adjourn the meeting. Chair Newcomb called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:22am.

Respectfully submitted: sdf

TETON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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ATTEST: _____
Kathleen "Smokey" Rhea

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