

MICA KIDD ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2022, 6:00 PM
6891 W Kidd Island Rd, Coeur d Alene, ID 83814

PRESENT:

Commissioner Bjelland – bjelland@mkifire.com
Commissioner Mundt - lmundt@mkifire.com
Commissioner Hanson – dhanson@mkifire.com
Chief Matue - rmatue@mkifire.com
Secretary Saranto – admin@mkifire.com

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN MUNDT called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMEND AGENDA

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was presented for review as follows:

- a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting of November 16, 2022
- b. Approval of Paid Bills Lists
- c. Review of Financial Reports

CHAIRMAN MUNDT moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **COMMISSIONER BJELLAND** 2nd.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT called for roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Chairman Mundt:	Yes
Vice Chairman Hanson:	Yes
Commissioner Bjelland:	Yes

Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN MUNDT inquired about the resident program, where are we at with that. **CHIEF MATUE** stated that the candidates who were interested backed out due to personal reasons. Most of the districts that have a resident program pay a monthly stipend, he will check with Timberlake Fire to see what theirs is. We also need to adopt a resident policy prior to getting one. **CHAIRMAN MUNDT** suggested advertising.

CHIEF'S REPORT

See attached.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Nancy King - Thank the firefighters and commissioners for your willingness to serve the community. When the district was formed, we paid \$166.00 per year in MKI Fire taxes with the current year being \$241.00 per year, 45% increase since 2000. With a .95 levy override that would make our fire district taxes \$776.00 over last year. That's a 223% increase. That would put a gallon of milk over \$10.00, loaf of wonder bread \$8.79, one pound of 73% lean ground beef over \$12.00 and my electric bill of \$149.00 would be \$481.00. Just in general total monthly expenses of \$1,000 would be over \$3,000.

I'm sure the district has many needs and may be appropriate to look at an increase but if .95 goes to the ballot I think it is destined to fail.

Lee Toedter - When I look at an increase, I ask where is your mission statement? And how are you failing in your mission statement because of insufficient funds? Failing should come first, and I have not heard of any mission failures. If you are interested in expanding, then there has to be a rational for it. Until I have heard of that then I would not be favorable of any increase. I'm not seeing your mission failure. **COMMISSIONER HANSON** - Our mission is if you dial 911, we show up and help you. Lee Toedter - How many times have you been unable to show up or unable to respond or had inadequate equipment to respond to a call? **COMMISSIONER HANSON** - None since we have had a full paid fire department before that, numerous times. Lee Toedter - Does the "none" require a levy increase. **COMMISSIONER HANSON** - To continue the level of service we are providing right now it's going to have to include a levy increase to staff equipment and firefighters. Mr. Toedter - That's not an answer. Is it because of inadequate funding? Is it because of inadequate equipment? What is precipitating the need for additional equipment and resources? Is it inflation? **COMMISSIONER HANSON** - It's the cost of doing business. Toedter - Have you quantified that? I want it tied to either anticipated mission failure or current mission failure. **COMMISSIONER HANSON** - Our goal is zero mission failure. **COMMISSIONER BJELLAND** - Raise your hand if you want to be the mission failure... When the district was created, we were a volunteer force, we now have 3 fulltime firefighters.

Doug Kinsey - Nobody wants to pay more money in taxes. I am a volunteer here and I see exactly what they are faced with. We have one guy on staff at a time. My concern is if something happens its game over, one guy cannot do much. The reason why is, we have double the population. Its not a matter of "if" its "when" something happens. There are roads that a truck will not get down. One guy can only do so much by himself. What I don't want to happen is to have that mission failure. **CHAIRMAN MUNDT** - Mutual aid will come to help.

Randy Opp - When I saw a levy override, I thought you were overriding the need for a levy, there has been so many more people moving here, so many more taxes collected I thought that was great and I came to pickup my check for a refund.

COMMISSIONER HANSON - We are currently on target and one budget, but we are going to switch soon. If you want career firefighters to show up at your worst day, we are going to have to do something. We're not trying to ask you guys for a 3-man engine, we have a 1-man engine.

Stan Mickels - I appreciate what you guys are doing, I think we're on track but would like to see the numbers. We're on a fixed income but want to protect our property and the community. **COMMISSIONER HANSON** - We all have skin in the game, we are all neighbors. What do you want when you call 911? Do you want a guarantee that at least one firefighter shows up to your need? Or maybe, maybe not show up? Lee Toedter - What your describing is mission creed. If there is a need for it then I believe people would agree, if there is not a need because of intergovernmental participation that's another matter. **COMMISSIONER HANSON** - If you need somebody to show up, we're good now but its going to come to a point to where we have to ask for more money. There was a time when we could not show up to our own calls and our mutual aid partners had to cover. After a while of that we were receiving some nasty grams. **CHIEF MATUE** - When KCFR moves to the other side of the fairgrounds it will take them longer to respond to our mutual aid calls.

Chris Holbart - If we need to raise the levy, then we need to, but the amount is shocking. Mutual support goes both ways, we pay when we help them out. I think there has been vast improvements. I look forward to seeing the numbers. Sounds like you're at that tipping point where projections show that you're going to be running deficits shortly. I appreciate that your being preemptive not reactive. When this organization was founded, it was based on volunteers doing the best they could. Now we have federal mandated federal requirements and others on how we do things, it's not local farmers trying to put out the fires any more. It's the cost of doing business, its society not regional or local.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT - Over 15 years we had small surpluses and because of that we were able to purchase this building and pay it off. But we have a bunch of deferred maintenance that we caught up on. Now our savings account is down.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Vehicle Repair – E221 – Discussion / Action Item

CHIEF MATUE stated that we are still waiting on the tank to show up. **CHAIRMAN MUNDT** shared that we have redundancy of equipment so when one goes down, we have a backup. In the past we have also had another department loan us an engine when ours was down.

b. Fire Boat 291 Repairs – Discussion / Action Item

CHIEF MATUE stated he had emailed the commissioners pictures of the boat findings. **CHAIRMAN MUNDT** informed the public that our fire boat lost its engine and cooling and we had to buy another motor for it. In the inspection they found that the inlet that is in the boat now is made for a fiberglass boat. Also, the trailer needs to be re-fab to accommodate the intake. They have to put a new plate on it and re weld it. The deck gun is not secure. Right now, it is unsafe in the water. The repairs are going to be \$11,908.00. **CHAIRMAN MUNDT** Replacing the boat is not in the cards and we absolutely need a boat. We had 20 years in the old engine.

Discussion took place on the boat repairs, **CHAIRMAN MUNDT** offered his advice on the project. The labor seems excessive.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT moved to proceed with the Lake City Marine's estimate to repair the fire boat to include weld cracks in bottom, install correct weld in the intake for panel in the amount of \$7,125.00. **COMMISSIONER BJELLAND** 2nd.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT called for roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Chairman Mundt:	Yes
Vice Chairman Hanson:	Yes
Commissioner Bjelland:	Yes

Motion Carried

c. Levy Override – Discussion / Action Item

- **Hawley Troxell Engagement Letter - Discussion / Action Item.**

CHIEF MATUE Hawley Troxell presented us with an engagement letter to help us with the levy override. They do all the political side and make sure we're following all the laws. The recently helped KCFR. It would be roughly \$2,000.00 but they charge by the hour. **CHIEF MATUE** will inquire if she would be willing to talk to the board.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT stated he read the letter and didn't see anything about \$2,000. **COMMISSIONER HANSON** requested we have her come to a meeting and tell us what they have to offer us. **CHIEF MATUE** will get that scheduled.

Discussion took place on the financial position of the district and what would be the best way to organize it for presenting to the community.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT stated that the information given to him had several unique one-time expenditures included for 2022 and did not include anything for 2023. We need to know exactly where we are. Also included were monies that we took out of savings to add to the budget for the deficit in our budget and to pay off the house.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT stated his opinion is that it's a lot. His taxes are up \$500.00 with out the fire district increasing their portion. The financial information that was supplied to the commissioners included a levy raise of .95 as a place value not what we are going to ask for. .95 was the levy rate when the district was formed in 2000. The PowerPoint presentation has place values in them until we come up with the actual values that we want to use. Either a levy rate amount or a budget amount. This is just an example of a power point presentation with the financial information.

Workshop for more discussion was scheduled on January 3, 2023, at 1:00pm.

Several capital items that need to be discussed are:

- SCBA's
- Radios
- Turnouts

NEW BUSINESS

a. **Adopt 2023 BOC Meeting Dates - Discussion / Action Item**

COMMISSIONER HANSON moved to adopt 2023 BOC Meeting Dates as presented. **CHAIRMAN MUNDT** 2nd.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT called for roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Chairman Mundt:	Yes
Vice Chairman Hanson:	Yes
Commissioner Bjelland:	Yes

Motion Carried

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE

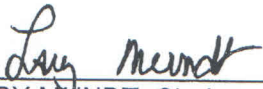
COMMISSIONER HANSON inquired if the commissioners phone numbers were registered in the local telecommunications program? **CHIEF MATUE** stated he was not sure, but First Net was the cell service that first responders use. To join it has a fee associated with it.

COMMISSIONER BJELLAND thanked the public for coming to the meeting.

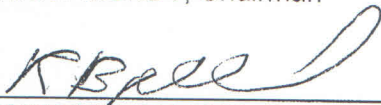
ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRMAN MUNDT moved to adjourn the meeting, **COMMISSIONER BJELLAND** 2nd.

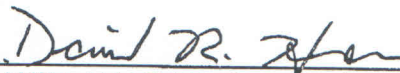
Motion carried 7:18 P.M.



LARRY MUNDT, Chairman



ROBERT BJELLAND, Commissioner



DANIEL HANSON, Commissioner

ATTEST BY:



Carmen Saranto, District Secretary





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December Monthly Report

1. Responses:

- a. We are at **258** calls for the year.

2. Operations:

a. Personnel:

- Recruiting Volunteer firefighters.
- Firefighter I Fire Academy started November 28th ends February 6th. The name of the academy will be "South Lake Fire Academy".

b. Equipment:

- Engine 221: E221 is in the shop for repairs. (Agenda Item)
- FB291 – At Lakes Marina in Post Falls. (Agenda Item)

c. Public Relations:

- CPR class at the grange on January 7th @ 0900. Myself and Pastor Dave from East Side Fire will be teaching the class.
- CPR class for SAR on January 21st @ 0900.

d. Grants:

- Nothing new to report.

e. Fire Prevention/Inspections:

- MKI has had a total of 9 inspections.

3. Training:

Decembers Training:

EMS – Active Shooter

Fire – Mayday / Search and Rescue

NFPA IFSAC Classes

- Joint Fire Academy

4. Budget:

Operating Budget:

- i. Operationally we are on target and on budget.