

**MICA KIDD ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
LONG RANGE PLANNING WORK SHOP**

April 19, 2021 5:00 PM
6891 W Kidd Island Rd, Coeur d Alene, ID 83814

PRESENT:

Commissioner Hanson - dansub1mki@gmail.com
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Secretary Saranto - admin@mkifire.com

OTHERS PRESENT: James King, Martha Cook, Dan Mooney, Randy Opp, Chris Hobart

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN MUNDT called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LONG RANGE PLANNING WORKSHOP

COMMISSIONER HANSON brought our guests up to speed on what we discussed at our first workshop. We had an exploratory meeting with Worley Fire, KCFR and MKI Fire to discuss the growth in the district and how are we going to handle it. Presley Road is the best flat ground that the developers are going to be wanting.

MARTHA COOK stated she has been talking to the Kootenai County Commissioners for several years to remind them we are over fragmented rock, not over the aquifer. We have had to haul water for several years for our cattle. Our district has a lot of dry or failed wells.

More topics that were discussed.

Is there still support for some form of consolidation?

Options if **NO:**

- Continue in our current MOU with WFD
- Consider hiring a MKIFPD Fire Chief, pros/cons
- Consider contacting KCFD for a management bid, pros/cons

Options if **YES:**

- Continue dialog with WFD and KCFR to explore forming a JPA.
 - Consolidating Districts would require a 66.6% approval from constituents to raise levy MKI and WFD rates.
 - The KCFR levy rate would likely be too much for many MKI residents to favor.
 - JPA formation benefits KCFR due to their impending station relocation and Cougar Gulch/Upriver gap in coverage.
- Explore combining Districts with WFD.
 - Levy rates are much closer
- Meet with legal to verify options for increasing revenue
 - What is available for BOC's to raise levies w/o vote of constituents?
 - What are the limits of available levy increases?

- Other non-levy forms of revenue capture (0.24% Levy of Market Value program. Title 31; Chapter 14)
 - Is the 0.24% LOMV program a one-time event?
 - Can this Levy be spread over a number of years to smooth out the hit?
 - What are the intended usages of this Levy? Equipment, staffing, facilities?
- Projected growth within the District to determine future revenue. 5-years, 10-years.
 - Will projected growth in revenue catch up to 2/0 staffing?
- Any public safety grants available from the county or state?
 - Help with JPA start-up costs
 - Apparatus replacement costs
- Town Hall meeting with residents to detail benefits of consolidation and possible levy increase
 - Current levy rate supported a volunteer FF staff. VFF's are becoming difficult to acquire, train, retain
 - 2/0 staffing benefits when you dial 911
 - Direct use of local tax dollars to benefit the local community

CHAIRMAN MUNDT reminded everyone that our current MOU with Worley Fire has a 30-day notice to Cancel. We have been fortunate to put money aside every year from our budget.

Other questions would be:

- Would the Taxpayers support a levy to stand alone?
- When would we be able to catch up with 2/0 staffing?
- If Worley doesn't want to continue with the MOU what are we going to do?

COMMISSIONER HANSON discussed some of the capital projects we currently need to do.

- Apparatus needs a new roof \$31,914
- Radios \$4,000 each
- SCBA's \$8,500 each
- Paint the Station \$9,801
- Station Generator \$9,800
- Grading and drainage \$25,000
- Replace Engine 221 \$300,000
- Fire Hose \$200.00 per stick

CHAIRMAN MUNDT shared with the group that financially we are in good shape for now. We need to look at what is coming. Having a better feel of whether or not the community would support a levy increase would be good information.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRMAN MUNDT moved to adjourn the meeting, COMMISSIONER HANSON 2nd. **Motion carried**
6:48 P.M.




LARRY MUNDT, Chairman



DAN HANSON, Commissioner



ROBERT BJELLAND, Commissioner

ATTEST BY: 
Carmen Saranto, District Secretary

