

MICA KIDD ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING

August 11, 2021, 8:00 AM

6891 W Kidd Island Rd, Coeur d Alene, ID 83814

PRESENT:

Commissioner Hanson - dhanson@mkifire.com

Commissioner Bjelland – bjelland@mkifire.com

Chief Matue - rmatue@mkifire.com

Secretary Saranto – admin@mkifire.com

CALL TO ORDER

VICE CHAIRMAN HANSON called the meeting to order at 8:01 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BUDGET WORKSHOP

We will be taking the 3% increase to avoid forgone taxes.

Some changes to our L-2 form:

- We now get only 90% of our new construction values
- The homeowner's exemption was raised from \$100,000 to \$125,000

The Board will evaluate this year's expenditures to determine estimations for the upcoming budget year. Notable discussion took place on the need for a fleet replacement plan, vehicle maintenance and wage increase to keep up with the cost of living. The district needs to be able to meet operations and payroll obligations without tapping into savings.

CHIEF MATUE stated that all the surrounding fire districts are giving wage increases to help with inflation. After discussing the effects to the budget, it was decided that in an effort to keep our employees we will increase wages 5%.

SECRETARY SARANTO shared with the Board that our Local 5005 CBA dates do not coincide with the budget fiscal year. Our current Local 5005 Collective Bargaining Agreement's term is February 2, 2021 to February 1, 2024. Discussion took place on changing the ending date of the contract to September 30, 2023, so that it will align with our fiscal year of October 1st - September 30th and it was decided to present an MOU to the union.

Due to the fact that our new construction increased so much our rate per thousand has decreased to .29. Last years new construction was 3,901,505 and this year its 8,651,541, that's an 4,750,036 increase. With our rate of .29 cents per thousand of assessed value being so low the only way we can raise it is with a levy override.

CHIEF MATUE has been in contact with a company that will help us do our levy override, they will do all the legal documents, resolutions and educated the commissioners on the dos and don'ts for \$2,000.00. We would have to be on the May election in order to start receiving money by 2024. Our CBA contract is up in 2024.

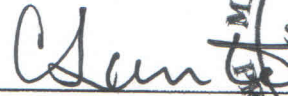
It was decided that one way to free up some money in the budget was to pay off the lease on the house.

ADJOURNMENT

VICE CHAIRMAN HANSON moved to adjourn the meeting; COMMISSIONER BJELLAND 2nd. **Motion carried** 11:14 A.M.


DAN HANSON, Vice Chairman


ROBERT BJELLAND, Commissioner

ATTEST BY: 
Carmen Saranto, District Secretary

