

**WORLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LONG RANGE PLANNING WORKSHOP**

**TELECONFERENCE
February 3, 2021 4:00 PM
31541 S Highway 95, Worley, ID 83876**

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN HISE called the meeting to order at 04:04

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Hise, Commissioner Joy, Commissioner Drechsel

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Sneve, Secretary Saranto, LT Clizer, FF Anttila

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CHIEF SNEVE presented a summary of the district's history and previous long-range plans that were accomplished.

The Worley Fire District was formed in 1968. Our forefathers had the planning and wisdom to enable the District to succeed from a small Rural Fire District into what our Patrons see today.

The Worley Fire District currently is 121 sq. miles in size. Service areas include the City of Worley, Coeur D'Alene Casino and Golf Club, The Club at Blackrock, 3 Full-service Marinas, numerous Communities along Lake Coeur D' Alene along with several acres of Farm and Timber land.

The District services these areas with 5 Stations located in or around our most densely populated areas, which have rated water systems. Idaho Survey and Rating Bureau (ISRB) provides protection classifications for Insurance purposes based upon distance to a Fire Station, Apparatus housed at that Station and Rated Water Supplies. Currently our patrons enjoy a ISRB rating of a 5 within a 1000' of a Rated Water Supply, an 8 within 5 miles of a Fire Station, a 9 within 6-10 miles of a Fire Station and a 10 if their property is further than 10 miles of a Station.

These ratings are both a blessing and a curse for the Fire District. Blessings include patron's lower insurance costs. Curses include the District must maintain Stations and Apparatus at or near its current locations. In order to meet these ratings, the District must equip each Station with an Engine and a Tender.

When our forefathers built our existing outlying Stations located at Blackrock (Station 6), Cave Bay (Station 5) and Conklin Park (Station 3). We had several dedicated Volunteers at each of these locations, currently we have two at Station 6, one at Station 5 and two at Station 3. The City of Worley Station 2 (formerly Station 1) has no Volunteers currently. The District has seen a steady decline in our Volunteer roster over the past several years. Long-Time residences have sold their properties because of the market values and new residences seem not to embrace the role of a Volunteer. We see this in all Volunteer organizations throughout the Country.

A large percentage of our Tax Base comes from these same Lake Communities. Without the support of these Communities, the Worley Fire District would not be able to function financially.

between Cave Bay and Conklin Park, and /or Building a new Fire Station in the City of Worley to service the Southern end of the District. Both ideas, I feel, are valid talking points that should be considered. Keep in mind that in order to maintain the current lower Insurance Ratings in these areas, a Fire Station must be located within 5 miles of these locations.

Our "Front Line" Apparatus (housed at Station 1) are mostly new and our "Second Out" Apparatus (housed at Station 3) are adequate. The District is currently requesting prices to replace the Brush Truck housed at Station 3 with a new one.

The rest of the Stations house old, but serviceable Apparatus. We should look at replacing these older Apparatus in the near future. Parts to maintain these older Apparatus are becoming hard to locate and persons able to repair these trucks are all but non-existent.

The District currently owns 2 newer "Cab-Chassis" Trucks that were slated to become Tenders. One would replace Tender 465 and the second would be built as another Tender, similar to Tender 461. Both projects have been placed on hold.

As per the Department of Transportation (DOT) all Emergency Vehicles must be equipped with tires less than 10 years old regardless of miles. All our older Apparatus fail this requirement, but I am reluctant to spend Thousands of Dollars on tires if we are going to replace these Apparatus in the near future.

Our Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Portable Radios are currently "State of the Art" but, we must continue to put monies in the Budget in order to maintain this vital equipment.

My recommendations of Priorities are as follows: (not in any order)

- Replace/Update older Apparatus.
- Remodel/Upgrade Station 1
- Place monies into 2022 Budget for Maintenance of Apparatus Fleet
- Look into possibly relocating current Station 2 (Building a new Station 2)
- Remodel Station 6

At our last long range planning meeting years ago, the Districts goals were to replace our frontline Apparatus, replace our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), replace our Fire Boat, update our Radio System and build a centrally located Fire Station. All of these goals have been accomplished. It has been a lot of hard work, but with all of us working together we can achieve these goals again.

Station 1 remodeling projects:

- New Carpet
- Interior Paint
- New Kitchen Countertops
- Truck Bay Floor needs grinding and resealing
- Landscaping

MOU with Mica Kidd Island Fire District:

- Should we continue with the current MOU
- Consolidation of the districts
- Increasing to 5 commissioners

Schedule our next workshop at the next Regular BOC meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

COMMISSIONER JOY moved to adjourn the meeting, COMMISSIONER DRECHSEL 2nd the motion: **Motion Carried** 5:06 P.M.

Ron Hise
RON HISE, Chairman

Edward M. Joy
ED JOY, Commissioner

Gary Drechsel
GARY DRECHSEL, Commissioner

ATTEST BY: Carmen Saranto
Carmen Saranto, District Secretary

