

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT BOARD OF THE
HAILEY / WOOD RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
HELD APRIL 3, 2019
IN THE HAILEY MEETING ROOM**

The Meeting of the Joint Board of Hailey / Wood River Fire Protection District (WRFD) was called to order at 4:30 P.M. by Chair Martha Burke. Also present were board members, Seth Martin, Pat Cooley and Jay Bailet. Staff present included City Administrator Heather Dawson, Hailey City Clerk Mary Cone, Hailey Fire Chief Craig Aberbach and WRFD Fire Chief Bart Lassman.

[4:30:38 PM](#) Call to order by Martha Burke

Open Session for Public Comments:

No public comment.

Consent Agenda

*Approval of minutes from February 13th Meeting **Action Item**.....*

[4:31:29 PM](#) Martin moves to approve the meeting minutes seconded by Bailet, motion passed unanimously.

New Business

a.) *Appointment of Joint Board of the Hailey/ Wood River Fire Protection District Member At Large **Action Item***

[4:31:54 PM](#) Burke recognizes Linda Haavik for her service on the Fire board.

b. Attorney comments **Action Item**

[4:32:53 PM](#) Burke moves the order of items on the agenda as Wood River Fire attorney Paul Turcke is here. [4:33:17 PM](#) Turcke is with MSBT Law in Boise. Paul Turcke speaks, his firm was called when the Ketchum fire union was first formed years ago. We had a successful negotiation, and they have evolved. Turcke worked with Ned Williamson on the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between Wood River and Hailey. Williamson wrote the JPA and Turcke made minor suggestions. Turcke, stated that the JPA is defined in Idaho and he reviewed the document for compliance of state law and confirmed that it was broad enough to help these two organizations do what they want it to do - consolidate. Turcke has spoken with both fire chiefs – Wood River and Hailey. He is here to offer his views, there is a lot of flexibility on how JPA's are dealt with and need to be. [4:36:33 PM](#) Turcke can offer a detached perspective on the legality of what is evolving and operation insight of his years of working with many fire departments.

1. New Business

a. *Appointment Joint Powers Board Member At large **Action Item**.....*

[4:37:14 PM](#) Burke, we have 3 candidates that would like to be considered for the at large member, are you familiar with any or all of them? Burke asks the board.

Martin, knows Tim East. Bailet knows Don Keirn. Cooley knows East and Keirn.

[4:38:08 PM](#) County commissioner Jacob Greenberg speaks and wants to be considered as a candidate for the at large position also. The Blaine County Commissioners would like a member of the Ambulance Board to be on this joint fire board, Greenberg agrees because he says governance and funding are going to be big issues in the future and the ambulance board should have a say in that. Greenberg, not sure if the JPA addresses this or not.

[4:40:03 PM](#) Seth Martin is in favor of that concept of having an Ambulance board member on this board.

[4:40:22 PM](#) Bailet agrees with Martin and would like to see Greenberg on the board.

[4:40:40 PM](#) Cooley asks Turcke why Ambulance District wasn't add in the beginning. Turcke replies, he is not sure.

[4:41:42 PM](#) Tim East speaks, if you do go that way then you should add another member to the board. East asks the board to consider his comments.

[4:42:39 PM](#) Linda Haavik agrees with Tim East, at large non elected member is a benefit to this board. It brings a citizen perspective to the board.

[4:43:54 PM](#) Martin asks if we could ask legal council about this idea.

[4:44:56 PM](#) Chris Simms, agrees with chairman Burke, applicants all qualify for this 5th member. There is no prohibition to adding another member, it is a matter of discretion, there is no legal issue with adding another member.

[4:46:07 PM](#) Turcke, added that you would need to amend the bylaws. Another observation, member at large can be anyone, the document does not limit the candidates,

[4:47:05 PM](#) Bailet, we would need to take this back to their board and then revisit here, as far as changing the language.

[4:47:16 PM](#) Burke asks for a motion to fill the member at large seat. Cooley asks for deliberation.

[4:47:53 PM](#) Cooley discusses all candidates, what is everyone looking for as far as qualifications of a member serving on this board?

[4:48:58 PM](#) Martin would like to change the bylaws and add another seat for the ambulance board and fill that as soon as possible. He is ready to move forward.

[4:49:25 PM](#) **Bailet moves to appoint Tim East to the at large member seat, seconded**

by Cooley, Burke asks for more discussion, [4:50:00 PM](#) Martin asks what are chances that we will appoint another member from the ambulance board? Burke responds, she would like start with appointing the ambulance district first and then member at large next. We all rely on the ambulance district. Martin asks if the bylaws need to be adopted by Resolution or just the agreement? Simms replies, the JPA itself does not permit an expansion as written, the bylaws reiterate what the agreement states. Discussion ensues, Cooley disagrees with the member at large description, he feels that they are a player and he feels that should be on the board, it is just a matter of process. Martin adds, we'll need to amend the agreement and the bylaws. Cooley, some boards are too large with 6 people, how do you handle a tie breaker? Burke, calls for the question. **Motion approved unanimously.**

[4:54:13 PM](#) Tim East takes a seat at the board table.

Burke adds that Item d on the agenda, will not be discussed tonight.

c.) Discussion of using no-cost services of Mike Chatterton for Financial Analysis of agency budgets and cost of proposed administrative organizational chart **Action Item** (no documents)

[4:55:14 PM](#) Burke opens that we've contacted Mike Chatterton and he has agreed to help this board. Burke asks Heather Dawson to speak to this topic as she has spoken with Chatterton. Dawson states, at a previous fire board meeting it was discussed that outside legal representation should be consulted and also financial people. Dawson called Chatterton, and he is willing to do this at no charge, but this must be done before his trip in late May or early June for a long trip, so he wants to be done by then. The other comment from Chatterton stated that he wanted to do it only if won't be like Ketchum's consolidation efforts and blow up. Dawson, Chatterton is more than willing to donate his services. Bailet asks if he is a CPA. Cooley, confirms, yes he is a CPA. Martin feels this is a good idea.

[4:57:26 PM](#) East knows Chatterton, and feels this is a good idea.

[4:57:47 PM](#) **Martin moves to move forward with having Chatterton help us with financial evaluations, seconded by Bailet, Cooley asks council if he should recuse himself, Simms states, it is not necessary and gives reason. Motion passed unanimously.**

e.) *Discussion of next meeting May 9th or special meeting in April* **Action Item** (no documents)

[4:58:57 PM](#) Burke asks for a discussion about dates, April 24th or April 17th as next special meeting to discuss Chatterton's involvement. Burke would like to discuss bylaw changes in this next meeting too.

The discussion about the date, ends on April 17th as next meeting date. Burke suggests a later start at Wednesday April 17th, 5 pm start time, as next meeting date since Wood River Fire board meets a 3 pm that day in Bellevue.

Martin asks Burke, if the board needs to direct legal to draft amendments to the JPA agreement and the bylaws so that we can review it for the next meeting? Bailet thinks that is a good idea. Burke replied, someone will do that for us and email that out to everyone – while looking at attorney Chris Simms. Burke also indicates that it will be in the next packet for the boards review. Burke asks if that is okay with Simms. Simms responds, yes, it is.

Staff Reports/Other Discussion

No staff reports

Adjourn

[5:02:18 PM](#) Cooley moved to adjourn, seconded by Bailet, motion passed unanimously.

Martha Burke, Chairman

Mary Cone, Hailey City Clerk