

Commissioner Minutes

June 22, 2023 – 2:33 p.m. to 4:02 p.m.

WORKSHOP WITH FIRE DISTRICTS

Commissioners Brad Holton, Leslie Van Beek and Zach Brooks

Deputy P.A. Zach Wesley

DSD Staff Sabrina Minshall, Devyn Krasowski, Tom Crosby, Dan Lister

State Fire Marshal Knute Sandahl

Nampa Fire Marshal Ron Johnson

Caldwell Fire Marshal Alan Perry

Middleton Star Fire Chief Greg Timinsky

Mark Wendelsdorf with Caldwell Rural Fire

Mike Webb with Melba Fire Department

Lisa Richard with Caldwell Fire

Alan Mills

Spencer Kofoed

Other interested citizens

Deputy Clerk Jenen Ross _____

WORKSHOP WITH FIRE DISTRICTS

The Board met today at 2:33 p.m. for a workshop with the fire districts. Present were: Commissioners Brad Holton, Leslie Van Beek and Zach Brooks, Deputy P.A. Zach Wesley, DSD Staff Sabrina Minshall, Devyn Krasowski, Tom Crosby, Dan Lister, State Fire Marshal Knute Sandahl, Nampa Fire Marshal Ron Johnson, Caldwell Fire Marshal Alan Perry, Middleton Star Fire Chief Greg Timinsky, Mark Wendelsdorf with Caldwell Rural Fire, Mike Webb with Melba Fire Department, Lisa Richard with Caldwell Fire, Alan Mills, Spencer Kofoed, Other interested citizens and Deputy Clerk Jenen Ross.

Mr. Sandahl addressed the International Fire Code explaining that the state adopts the IFC which is the minimum standard. The code used to state that any home over 3600 sq. ft. had to have sprinklers, however the legislature has since removed that but left in that there needs to be a water supply. The issue the fire districts are facing is that when plats are approved there is nothing being said to the developer/home builder and without enforcement ability homeowners are given occupancy by the county. Other discussion topics were as follows:

- How fire district requirements are denoted on a plat
- Interpretation of codes/requirements
- What is included or excluded from the county code

- Applicability of the IFC – it is adopted and is a statewide minimum; counties and cities do not have to adopt it for it to be applicable in the state of Idaho. Cities and counties may choose to adopt it which is usually for the purpose of creating additional ordinances to be more restrictive. According the state constitution, cities and counties can't be less restrictive than what has been adopted by the state.
- Mr. Lister spoke to the planning aspect in regard to the fire code
- Roadway/driveway widths, lengths and regulations related to the fire code
- Water resources when water is not readily available at a fire
- Permissible options for water supply and perceived problems with residential sprinkler systems
- Water supply requirements
- Early and clear communication between DSD, the fire districts and developers/homeowners about expectations
- Challenges and solutions that can be worked thru by both DSD and the fire districts

A copy of the meeting outline and fire district map are on file with this day's minutes. The meeting concluded at 4:02 p.m. and an audio recording is on file in the Commissioners' Office.