

The Board of Commissioners met at the District office located at 3890 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, New Plymouth Idaho for their Regular Board Meeting. Present were Commissioner's Dave Levanger, Eric York and Ryan Henggeler via speaker phone, Director of Highways Tim Hinson and Clerk Wendy Adamsen; also present was Lisa Popoff, with LHTAC, private citizens Kevin Barker and Chase Shoemaker; employees Scott Barker, Kelly Cockerum and Johnny Phillips. At 4:10 P.M. the meeting was called to order by Chairman David Levanger.

The Commissioners received a copy of the minutes from the September 12, 2023 regular Board meeting; the minutes were approved as written.

The Clerk gave the financial report. The balance at First Interstate checking will be \$698.77 after the transfer from the LGIP and the F2023 year-end bill are paid and the October 10, 2023 bills are paid; the F2023 year-end bills totaled \$37,902.98 and the October 10, 2023 bills totaled \$26,188.90 for a grand total of \$64,091.88. The balance at the LGIP will be \$607,189.27 after the transfer to the First Interstate checking in the amount of \$63,600.00. The balance at Idaho Central Credit Union savings is \$25.00. The total road and bridge fund balance is \$607,913.04.

This being the first meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the 2024 fiscal year, reorganization of the Board was discussed; a motion was made by Eric York that Dave Levanger remain as Chairman, Ryan Henggeler remain as Treasurer and Erick York remain as Secretary, Tim Hinson as Director of Highways; the motion was seconded by Ryan Henggeler and so carried.

#### New Business:

- 1) Lisa with LHTAC was present to present awards to both Kelly Cockerum and Johnny Phillips; she explained how much time and how many credits it took for both of them to complete both the road scholar and road master program.
- 2) Kevin Barker stated that the Idaho Legislators have approved millions of dollars' worth of grants for the career ready students and he is helping New Plymouth ag teacher Chase Shoemaker apply for a grant to build a new ag building; he also stated that the cost of the new building is \$3.2 million. The grant is due on November 1, 2023 and they need to show that they have 20 to 25% of skin the in game which can include donations of money or free labor. Therefore, both he and Chase are asking the Board if they would be willing to donate labor and equipment to do the dirt work, Tim stated that he didn't think that it would take more than two days. The Clerk stated that the District must be careful in donating with public money as well as competing with private companies that would potentially be hired to do the dirt work. Ryan stated that we need to run it by our attorney before a decision could be made; Kevin stated that with the deadline approaching if we could hold a meeting prior to November 1<sup>st</sup> to vote rather to help them or not as well as writing a commitment letter if approved; the Board stated that we could.

#### Old Business:

- 1) No new business to discuss at this time.

#### Clerks Report:

- 1) The Clerk stated that an employee has requested her to request from the Board to change the sick bank policy allowing for 1/2 the value to be paid at the time an employee retires or quits. The Clerk then stated that sick time nor PTO time has never had a monetary value

with the exception of the employee was to die that 1/2 the value would be paid to their estate. The Board decided that they needed time to think about it therefore, it will be put on the November agenda.

Director of Highways Report:

- 1) Tim stated that the crew had been patching but that they have run out of cold mix and are waiting for the plant to make more, the crew has also been trimming trees, equipment maintenance and will soon be out at the pit making 2" rock.

The following claims have been reviewed and approved: