



TETON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES | JANUARY 24, 2024

1st Floor Meeting Room

150 Courthouse Dr, Driggs, ID 83422

9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER:
ZOOM LINK

Commissioners Present:

Cindy Riegel
Bob Heneage
Michael Whitfield

Other Elected Officials and Department Heads Present:

Kim Keeley, Clerk
Dan Reyes, County Manager

SPECIAL TOPICS

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 74-206(1)(f) LEGAL

Department: Operations

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No executive session was necessary.

ACTION ITEM: COMPASSIONATE LEAVE DONATION

Department: Operations

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[Compassionate Leave Jan 2024.pdf](#)

MOTION: *Approve Compassionate Leave Donations as presented and administered by County staff.*

<p>RESULT: ADOPTED [Unanimous] MOVER: Michael Whitfield SECONDER: Bob Heneage AYES Cindy Riegel, Bob Heneage, Michael Whitfield NAYES None ABSTAINNone</p>

ACTION ITEM: FAIR ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE PLOW

Department: Fair

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This item was not discussed.

ACTION ITEM: GRANT PROPOSAL ITD TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

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The County has received this grant in the past and there is no match. This grant funds equipment and personnel.

[ITD Traffic Enforcement Grant Proposal - 2024 FY.pdf](#)

MOTION: *Approve traffic enforcement grant proposal by the Sheriff's Department as presented*

RESULT: ADOPTED [Unanimous]
MOVER: Bob Heneage **SECONDER:** Michael Whitfield
AYES Cindy Riegel, Bob Heneage, Michael Whitfield
NAYES None
ABSTAINNone

ACTION ITEM: Mill Creek Timber Sale Categorical Exclusion Comment Letter

Department: Commissioners

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The Forest Service is proposing a timber sale from the Mill Creek blow down. This letter would allow the County to review the materials to understand why the Forest Service considers this a categorical exclusion. The area is in the proposed Targhee expansion. Commissioner Riegel will draft a letter and add to a future agenda for approval.

ACTION ITEM: Felt Dam Relicensing

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Friends of the Teton River is requesting that the County file a Motion to Intervene to allow the County to comment on the process moving forward in order to allow for consideration of impact on fisheries resources. Retrofitting the Felt Dam would allow for better fish passage. Commissioner Whitfield will draft a letter.

MOTION: *Approve Teton County to enter into a Motion to Intervene in the FERC Felt Dam relicensing process to insure consideration for fishery resources.*

RESULT: ADOPTED [Unanimous]
MOVER: Michael Whitfield **SECONDER:** Cindy Riegel
AYES Cindy Riegel, Bob Heneage, Michael Whitfield
NAYES None
ABSTAINNone

ACTION ITEM: Idaho Parks & Recreation Off-Road Motor Vehicle Grant Application

Department: Public Works

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Public Works Director Darryl Johnson presented additional information on the status of the quonset hut at the Buxton property. The Board had approved allowing storage of grooming equipment in the quonset. However, it has been determined that the quonset is structurally unsound. The Grooming District is proposing applying for a grant to build a new building at the site of the quonset. The grant max is \$100,000 with a 5% match.

Teton Valley Trails and Pathways (TVTAP) Executive Director Dan Verbeten added a few details regarding the grant. The grant is due on Friday January 26th.

The Board discussed the ongoing discussions of best use for the Buxton property. Mr. Verbeten clarified that Idaho Parks & Rec requires that the building have a twenty year minimum usable lifetime.

The Board discussed the possibility of locating the facility somewhere other than the Buxton property. The location will be TBD.

[2025 IDPR ORMV Grant Applicaiton Proposal.pdf](#)

[Grant-Program-Guidance-2025.pdf](#)

MOTION: *Approve the submittal of an Idaho Parks & Recreation Off-Road Motor Vehicle Application for a metal building for TVTAP and for Grooming District 33 equipment storage and maintenance.*

RESULT: ADOPTED [Unanimous]
MOVER: Bob Heneage **SECONDER:** Cindy Riegel
AYES Cindy Riegel, Bob Heneage, Michael Whitfield
NAYES None
ABSTAINNone

Action Item: Engagement Letter for Annual Audit

Department: Clerk

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[2023 Engagement Letter - Teton County - unsigned \(1\).pdf](#)

[2023 Examination Engagement Letter - Teton County - unsigned \(1\).pdf](#)

[Teton County - 2023 audit proposal.pdf](#)

MOTION: *Approve signing the engagement letter for the audit with Wipfli as presented, to be paid from cost savings for medical insurance in the General Fund.*

RESULT: ADOPTED [Unanimous]
MOVER: Michael Whitfield **SECONDER:** Bob Heneage
AYES Cindy Riegel, Bob Heneage, Michael Whitfield
NAYES None
ABSTAINNone

ADJOURN MEETING

MOTION: *ADJOURN MEETING*

RESULT: ADOPTED [Unanimous]
MOVER: Cindy Riegel **SECONDER:** Bob Heneage
AYES Cindy Riegel, Bob Heneage, Michael Whitfield
NAYES None
ABSTAIN None

Cindy Riegel, Chairperson
ATTEST: _____
County Clerk or Deputy