Sam Owen Fire District
Commissioner's Meeting
June 10, 2026

Attendance:
Tim Scofield, Chief
Terry Jensen, District 3 Commissioner, Chairman
Lisa Wendle, District 2 Commissioner
Tony Butler. District 1 Commissioner, Treasurer
Sara Knight, CPA
Todd Wendle, Trainer, Reporter
Chris Popov, Volunteer Firefighter
Kelly Thompson, Captain
Al Sly, Admin, Media
Tim Browne, Volunteer Firefighter
Mike Schacht, Chief of Clark Fork Fire Dept.

Agenda:
The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Chairman Jensen.
Action Item: There are no changes to the posted agenda.
There are no public comments at this time.
Action Item: Commissioner Butler makes a motion to approve the minutes to the May Commissioner's meeting and the Special Meeting. He is seconded by Commissioner Wendle. All in favor.

Treasurers Report:
Sara Knight reports that the SOFD is ahead of the budget. $268,038.88 of tax money has been received so far. Nothing new or unexpected has come up in the bills. Budget is looking good. The list of bills is backdated to reflect the additional stipend checks. At this time all stipend payments are on track. The following bills were presented for payment.

Cesar Ponce	$ 129.29
Chris Popov	$ 18.47
Cody Lofland	$ 184.70
Fred Smith	$ 129.29
Jack Craemer	$ 55.41
Jason Lees	$ 147.76

Kelly Thompson	$ 110.82
Ken Foster	$ 92.35
Robert Jediny	$ 18.47
Stillman Berkley	$ 18.47
Todd Wendle	$ 203.17
Lori Sanders	$ 27.70
Tim Sanders	$ 18.47
Citi Card	$2,390.35
EFTPS	$2,729.60
Cody Lofland	$ 55.41
Kelly Thompson	$ 18.47
Shawn Finnerty	$ 18.47
Tim Sanders	$ 36.94
Todd Wendle	$ 55.41
Kelly Thompson	$1,062.02
Avista	$ 185.52
Clark Fork Chevron	$ 450.52
Evergreen Homestead	$ 8.99
Kelly Thompson	$ 681.00
Lawn Lizards	$ 156.00
Rivers End LLC	$ 611.70
Waterfront Property	$ 78.98
Case Plumbing	$1,250.00
James Reynolds	$ 914.25
Alexa Garrison	$ 120.00
Katherine Cifu	$ 614.21
Tim Sanders	$1,144.22
Tim Scofield	$3,353.50

LGIP account as of 6/10/26 $201,845.68
Mountain West CD as of 6/10/26 $209,391.15
Umpqua Bank Checking account as of 6/10/26 $375,841.54
Umpqua Savings account of 6/10/26 $36,806.13
Umpqua CD as of 6/10/26 $4.32

Action Item: Commissioner Butler makes a motion to pay the bills as presented. He is seconded by Commissioner Wendle. All in favor.

Chief's Report:
There have been 7 EMT calls and 6 Fire calls so far this month. There was a difficult call last week. Ten or more of our people showed up to assist with this call. It was a traffic accident. The new volunteers did really well. The call lasted for over 6 hours on scene. The SOFD has also assisted with several mutual aid

calls. One structural fire caused by lighting in Sandpoint used 6 volunteers and 2 engines. Commissioner Wendle wants to have more after action reviews for the volunteers as well as having more training on how to handle/respond to fatalities. The SOFD and Clark Fork Ambulance will have this training session together.

Station 1 is in good repair.
Station 2 is also in good working order. The new volunteers have been on top of it. Tim Browne reports that the asphalt company is going to get a price quote to the SOFD.

> Tim Browne to get asphalt price quote.

The Life Flight landing zone issue is being worked on. Another drawing with dimensions has been requested by Avista along with a copy of Life Flights insurance papers.

> Drawing of landing zone with dimensions to be provided to Avista.
> Life Flight insurance paperwork to be sent to Avista.

No digging is to be done on site. Only regrading the dirt piles to make it flat.

The Chief is to get dust abatement prices for the parking area.

> Chief to get dust abatement prices for parking area.

Both Stations 1 & 2 are in need of better fire danger signage. The current sign at Station 1 is not easy to read. Complaints by the public have been made. The old Smokey sign is in storage, but is in extremely rough shape. A new Smokey sign like the old one will cost about $4,000.00. The Chief would like to get a new Smokey sign and a new flagpole. If a new sign is purchased the edges will be epoxied to help extend the life span of the sign. There is money in the budget that would allow this purchase.

Station 2 will be painted later in the summer. Just the building is to be painted. Not the handrails.

The pump switch at Station 2 has been fixed and is working well.

Equipment status, #1371 has electrical issues that need to be fixed. Otherwise, nothing big to report.

Todd Wendle informs the Commissioners that he has had another person contact him about becoming a volunteer. So far, 3-4 people have expressed interest. The quarterly review is well liked. Boat training is going to be integrated into the volunteer classes. There will be 3 levels to accomplish with 3 levels of certification. A formal checklist is being created. The next specialty training is Extrication. This class is provided and paid for by the State. They will bring a trailer to practice on. The class will occur in September.

Community Relations:
Todd Wendle is thinking about doing a series of articles about what the SOFD does for its community. He will be talking to the publisher of The Reader about this. He is also looking to get the SOFD more involved with an online/digital footprint.
Grant Status:
Chris Popov reports that the Waterways grant is a matching monies type of grant. The SOFD should be receiving approximately $35,700.00 in funds to make the boat repairs. The SOFD would match those funds. More info will be given at next month's meeting. Any boat repairs will be done during the winter months. The grant's initial disbursements start in July. A sign will need to be affixed to the boat that credits the Waterways Grant.

The AFG Grant for turnouts has been turned in. Some of the gear the SOFD is using is 10 to 20 years old. Tim Sanders has assisted by dating the equipment and gear that the SOFD is using.

Chris Popov is looking for a Grant that will assist the SOFD with replacing the whole radio system. Station 2 has radio issues. The repeater at the school was not working along with the repeater at Trestle Creek. Racom came to look at it. The battery backups had failed. It was over 12 years old. Both are working again. Racom suggests a smart charger for the existing system. They are going to present a proposal for fixing this system. They will also be sending in a proposal for a yearly maintenance plan.

Old Business:
Kelly Thompson informs the Commissioners that in the Station 1 renovation, The carpet has been laid down. The trim work needs to be painted. A refrigerator needs to be purchased along with a shelf for the microwave. On the outside of Station 1 some of the exterior siding needs to be touched up. A soffit needs to be built. He tells the Commissioners that the red lettering sign that is on the side of the building is in bad condition. The letters are made of plastic and the weather extremes have cracked them and made them very brittle.

> Look into lettering or signage for the side of Station 1.

Action Item: Adopt addendum to Stipend Program. Todd Wendle suggests 2 credits for preparation of class. 2 credits for teaching of class for a 4-credit total. A name change to High-Risk Program instead of Red Flag Program has been made. Three people to man a 4-hour shift. A calendar has been made for the volunteers to fill in when NOT available. The Volunteers are ready to roll. Todd Wendle has found an App creator who has designed a program that he feels the SOFD should use. It's called the Troopiter Program. This App will be able to track

training sessions along with shift sessions. Todd will be showing a demo of this system to the Commissioners at the next Commissioner's Meeting.
Commissioner Butler makes a motion to adopt the addendum of the High Risk Program into the stipend program. He is seconded by Commissioner Wendle. All in favor.

> Todd Wendle to do Troopiter Demo in July's Meeting.
> Troopiter Demo to be added to agenda.

The Chief has started to create a flier about the apartment/job Residence Program at Station 2. There will be a 3-month minimum occupancy.

> Chief to send out flier of the Residency program.

Kathy Cifu will be adding pages to the website in order to post the meeting minutes. More information at next meeting.

> Kathy to post meeting minutes to website.
> Add posting of minutes to agenda.

New Business:
The Pancake Breakfast will be held on July 18th 2026. There has been a good response to the call out for Volunteers for the breakfast. Supplies are being purchased for it. There has been good organization. New signs are to be purchased for this yearly event. Todd Wendle suggests asking ITD for the loan of an electric sign board for the breakfast. The cost will remain the same at $6.00 per plate.
People attending the breakfast are always asking what does the money buy? The Chief suggests putting out a display of some of the gear with prices posted. Gear is expensive, but the goal has always been to purchase something "big" like a brand new 4x4 with slide outs and water/foam tanks and tracks for the winter. This type of item costs about $70,000.00. It would be ideal for wildland rescue and firefighting. Also, for sussing out smoke reports. It would be a first responder vehicle. The SOFD could look for a Grant to help with the cost.
Unfortunately, the SOFD will not be asking for funding for this item this year. A lot of details and research need to go into this. A line item in the budget under General Fund will be created for this type of "big" purchase made by Pancake Breakfast money and direct donations. Sara to be creating a more detailed spreadsheet for this. She will work with Kathy Cifu on this. This 4x4 UTV will be on the Action Item list for next month's agenda.

> Todd Wendle to ask about electric sign board.
> Chief to get more details on the UTV.
> Sara to create line item under General Fund for Pancake Breakfast.
> Sara and Kathy will create a Pancake Breakfast spreadsheet.
>Add UTV onto agenda for July's Meeting.

The Chief is given permission to amend the job description on the Station Officer. This position will have a yearly review.

Surplus equipment needs to be declared as an action item if the value of it is over $10,000.00.

> Add the Surplus equipment selling of Amkus Extrication Equipment to the July Agenda.

> Add Surplus Equipment selling and replacing Leer Topper to July agenda.

Commissioner Butler makes a motion to go into Executive Session Idaho Code #74-206(1)(b) employee evaluation. At 8:00 P.M. He is seconded by Commissioner Wendle. All in favor. Roll call as follows.
Jensen-Aye. Wendle-Aye. Butler-Aye.

Meeting resumes at 8:36 P.M.

Action Item: Commissioner Butler makes a motion to adjourn at 8:37 P.M. he is seconded by Commissioner Wendle. All in Favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexa Garrison, Secretary