



# FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 20, 2024

**CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 17:03 hours.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Roll Call:**

Chairman John Gomes: **Present**  
Vice Chairman Terry Murphy: **Present via Zoom**  
Secretary Dave Paul: **Present**  
Treasurer Dan Olson: **Present**  
Member at Large Larry Bittenwieser: **Present**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Others present included Fire Chief Tyler Lambert, Deputy Chief David Rial, Executive Assistant Sharon Ellis via Zoom, Captain Brian Stimits, Engineer Josh Summeril, firefighters Jordan Hunnam, Nick Lawson, Mike Perkins, Greg Bodine, Eddie DiMarco Karen Bodine, Jonas Johnsen, Drew Maurer & Griffin Cole. Members of the public include Carl Tatum, John & Dawn Cole, Tess and Juniper Maurer, Randy & Meleah Perkins, Katie & Colton Perkins, and Kyle & Liz Perkins.

**SWEARING IN OF NEW FIREFIGHTERS:**

Director Gomes swore in new firefighters Drew Maurer, Mike Perkins & Griffin Cole.

BOD took a break at 17:15 and reconvened at 17:27.

**MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on February 21, 2024

Treasurer Dan Olson: **Yes**

Secretary Dave Paul: **Yes**

Member at Large Larry Bittenwieser: **Yes**

Vice Chairman Terry Murphy: **Yes**

Chairman John Gomes: **Yes**

**FINANCIAL REPORTS AND BILLS:** A motion to approve the financial reports for February 29th, as presented.

Secretary Dave Paul: **Yes**

Treasurer Dan Olson: **Yes**

Member at Large Larry Bittenwieser: **Yes**

Vice Chairman Terry Murphy: **Yes**

Chairman John Gomes: **Yes**

**PUBLIC FORUM & CORRESPONDENCE:** BOD Gomes read aloud "Thank You" notes from Community Partnership and resident Rita Randolph.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**WOODLAND PARK PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS REPORT:**

- Jonas Johnsen discussed Colorado Initiative 50 property tax cap.
- Jonas Johnsen discussed Federal Senate bill S.597 social security fairness act.

**EVT REPORT:** N/A

**CAPTAIN'S REPORT:**

- Captain Brian Stimits discussed monthly call volume, part-time stats, and training hours along with the monthly captain's meeting with Chiefs.

**DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT:**

- Deputy Chief Rial discussed fire, EMS training and CPR training.
- Deputy Chief Rial updated the status of Firefighters Safety & Disease Grant.
- Deputy Chief Rial that the bunker gear fitting will be taking place this week with Delta Fire Equipment.

- Deputy Chief Rial stated Firefighter Maurer is collaborating with the other paramedics to make NFIRS reporting and Patient Care Report entry better. FF Maurer is in the works to get our Training Center application renewed.
- Deputy Chief Rial stated that himself, Chief Lambert, FF Johnsen, FF/P DiMarco, FF/Paramedic Maurer have a demo scheduled next Monday to see if the Vector Check-in is working properly & better than ESO.
- Deputy Chief stated that he and Chief Lambert will be meeting with Vector Scheduling next Wednesday to discuss transitioning our scheduling from Emergency Reporting to Vector Scheduling.
- Deputy Chief Rial updated the status of the website.
- Deputy Chief Rial announced that FF Nick Lawson will be completing his Fire Instructor 1 practical next Wednesday. FF Cole and Deputy Chief will be the proctors.
- Deputy Chief stated that Captain Dungan is currently attending NFA in Maryland.
- Deputy Chief Rial stated that FF Wells is working to complete his DO Proctor certification.
- Deputy Chief announced that the district has released its first policy, SOP 300. As to date, thirteen employees have acknowledged the policy (eight full-time, two-part time & three admin).
- Deputy Chief Rial stated the captains will be working on overall response guidelines, hazardous materials response guidelines & wildland firefighting guidelines over the next weeks.

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

- Chief Lambert updated the BOD regarding CDOT and the apartment complex near Tamarac Parkway.
- Chief Lambert discussed talks with Carol Lakes and Walmart Service Station.
- Chief Lambert discussed inspection of office building spaces and Teller Waste.
- Chief Lambert discussed the 2024 chipper program and requesting volunteers from Charis. BOD Gomes requested that Chief Lambert discuss recruiting volunteers with the Teller County Fire Chiefs.
- Chief Lambert discussed CORE access to their property from our property.
- Chief Lambert stated we have a contract on the land at Station 3. The closing date will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Chief Lambert updated the BOD on the Congressional Direct Spending Grant for the training tower that has been submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- BOD Paul and Chief Lambert discussed the DDA meeting. The DDA has offered \$150,000.00 to set aside for the purchase of a ladder truck in the future.

A motion to approve the grant of \$150,000.00 from the City of WP DDA allocated for purchase of a ladder truck.

Chairman John Gomes: **Yes**  
Treasurer Dan Olson: **Yes**  
Secretary Dave Paul: **Yes**  
Member at Large Larry Bittenwieser: **Yes**  
Vice Chairman Terry Murphy: **Yes**

A motion to match the \$150,000.00 from the districts Money Market account to the new Money Market account allocated for the ladder truck.

Chairman John Gomes: **Yes**  
Treasurer Dan Olson: **Yes**  
Secretary Dave Paul: **Yes**  
Member at Large Larry Bittenwieser: **Yes**  
Vice Chairman Terry Murphy: **Yes**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- BOD Gomes discussed current Board positions.

A motion to elect Dan Olson to the Vice Chairman position.

Secretary Dave Paul: **Yes**  
Member at Large Larry Bittenwieser: **Yes**  
Vice Chairman Terry Murphy: **Yes**  
Chairman John Gomes: **Yes**  
Treasurer Dan Olson: **Yes**

A motion to elect Terry Murphy as Member at Large and Dave Paul as Secretary and Treasurer.

Secretary Dave Paul: **Yes**  
Member at Large Larry Bittenwieser: **Yes**  
Vice Chairman Terry Murphy: **Yes**  
Chairman John Gomes: **Yes**  
Treasurer Dan Olson: **Yes**

- BOD Gomes discussed whether the Board and Captains should continue meetings. BOD Gomes discussed transparency and Chain of Command. BOD Gomes believes that this is fostering negative communication. All staff that attended the meeting spoke freely. The BOD will discontinue to meet with the captains but will attend the captains' meeting with the Chief and Deputy Chief when they are available.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned @ 20:10 hrs.



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Secretary of the Board  
Dave Paul