

# NORTHEAST TELLER COUNTY



## FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2025

**CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 17:00 hours.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roll Call:

Chairman John Gomes: **Present**  
Vice Chairman Dan Olson: **Present**  
Secretary / Treasurer Dave Paul: **Present**  
Member at Large Matt Widtfeldt: **Present**  
Member at Large Larry Bittenwieser: **Present**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Others present included Chief Tyler Lambert, Deputy Chief David Rial, Office Manager / HR / Acct Clerk Sharon Ellis (zoom), EVT Firefighter Jonas Johnsen, Captain Derek Kilik, Engineer Eddie DiMarco, firefighters, Nick Lawson, Griffin Cole, Don Baysinger & Stephen Monroe, Members of the public Kevin Bois and Mary Higgins.

#### **MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on July 23, 2025, as presented.

Secretary / Treasurer Dave Paul: **Yes**  
Vice Chairman Dan Olson: **Yes**  
Chairman John Gomes: **Yes**  
Member at Large Matt Widtfeldt: **Yes**  
Member at Large Larry Bittenwieser: **Yes**

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS AND BILLS:**

A motion to approve the financial reports for July 31, 2025 as presented.

Vice Chairman Dan Olson: **Yes**  
Secretary / Treasurer Dave Paul: **Yes**  
Chairman John Gomes: **Yes**  
Member at Large Matt Widtfeldt: **Yes**  
Member at Large Larry Buttenwieser: **Yes**

## **PUBLIC FORUM & CORRESPONDENCE: N/A**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Director Gomes stated that he has not received a response from the Mayor of Woodland Park regarding requesting a meeting to discuss donating funds for the ladder truck.
- Director Olsen inquired about the congressional spending grant.

## **WOODLAND PARK PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS REPORT: N/A**

## **EVT REPORT: N/A**

## **CAPTAIN'S REPORT:**

- Deputy Chief Rial discussed part-time hours, call volume last month.

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

- Deputy Chief Rial discussed training hours. Deputy Chief Rial discussed training to include size-up and initial company operations at a fire scene with the DFPC Burn Trailer. The crews are continuing to train with the burn tower. The surrounding fire departments have also been able to utilize the tower for training. The crews training for EMS consisted of animal incidents, geographical and environmental emergencies, and summative training.
- Deputy Chief Rial discussed upcoming events to include NETCo's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary Open House, National Night Out and Touch a Truck. Deputy Chief Rial thanked Karen for all the work she has put in organizing the Open House.
- Deputy Chief Rial updated the BOD on the process being made on Lexipol policies. A Career Development policy was sent to the crews to review. Lexipol has changed their platform, so the crews are learning to navigate.
- Deputy Chief Rial updated the BOD on the status of the FP&S grant and the Forrest Service Capacity grant.

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

- Chief Lambert discussed the Career Development policy.
- Chief Lambert stated the Sharon has billed the state \$424,319.61 for the California extended wildland deployment. Director Gomes thanked Sharon for submitting the bills so quickly.
- Chief Lambert stated that he renewed the IGA with Colorado Springs Utilities.
- Chief Lambert stated that TAVA House would like to present the district with a check from the proceeds from the Mountain Music Festival.
- Chief Lambert discussed rescheduling the September to the following Wednesday on September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Chief Lambert stated that he has spoke to the attorney regarding the by-law's changes. The attorney will make suggestions on changes that the district should make.
- Chief Lambert discussed the ladder truck that FF/EVT Johnsen and himself traveled to Missioui to inspect. The Chief stated the truck needs a few repairs. Firefighter / EVT Johnsen discussed their inspection and his thoughts on the ladder truck. FF/EVT Johnsen stated he felt it was a good unit.
- Chief Lambert stated CSFD completed ten inspections last month. Chief Lambert stated he completed an inspection at Cathedral Ridge, three additional fire inspections and one inspection in Divide.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- BOD Gomes discussed the 2024 Audit. Director Gomes stated that he contacted Sharon with a few questions, to which the auditor was able to provide an answer. Director Paul has two questions. I will have our auditor contact him so she can provide the answers.
- The BOD will approve the audit once the questions have been answered and will sign the Letter of Representation via email prior to the end of August.
- Director Battenwieser left the meeting at 17:50.

### **PUBLIC FORUM & CORRESPONENCE:**

- Mary Higgins from Rampart Range subdivision stated that they have requested road improvement from El Paso County. Kevin Bois, from Rampart Range subdivision stated that he contacts Chief Lambert on the level of his tank on his property often.

### **NEW BUSINESS: N/A**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting was adjourned 18:03 @ hrs.

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Secretary of the Board

Dave Paul

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## FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

### E-MAIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2025

**CALLED TO ORDER:** N/A

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roll Call: N/A

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Office Manager/ HR / Acct Clerk Sharon Ellis emailed the BOD on August 22<sup>nd</sup> for approval of the 2024 Audit. BOD Gomes and Paul both spoke with the auditor and received clarifications on their questions.

A motion was made to approve the 2025 Audit as presented.

Chairman John Gomes: **Yes**

Vice Chairman Dan Olson: **Yes**

Secretary / Treasurer Dave Paul: **Yes**

Member at Large Matt Widtfeldt: **Yes**

Member at Large Larry Bittenwieser: **Yes**

Secretary of the Board

Dave Paul