

NORTHEAST TELLER COUNTY



FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2025

CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 15:00 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 Mang/ HR/ Acct Clerk Sharon Ellis (zoom), Captain Derek Kilik, firefighters Nick Lawson, Don Baysinger, Griffin Cole, James Wells and FF/EVT Jonas Johnsen, and member of public David Meddles.

MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on Nov 19, 2025, as presented.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND BILLS:

A motion to approve the financial reports for November 30, 2025 as presented.

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

PUBLIC FORUM & CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Director Olson gave praise on the Christmas party.
- Director Widtfeldt thanked the on-duty crew for staying afterwards and helping set up for the Saturday morning events. The crew also showed up early Saturday morning to continue helping with the event.
- Director Buttenwieser praised the department on their accomplishments, hard work, and dedication to the district.
- Director Gomes stated Mike Sperry will be donating storage shed.
- Director Paul stated the party, and the Christmas parade was wonderful.

WOODLAND PARK PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS REPORT: N/A

EVT REPORT: N/A

CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

- Captain Kilik discussed part-time hours, call volume last month.
- Captain Kilik discussed the captains meeting this morning to include an update on the new truck, HazMat first go bag and the training cadre.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Deputy Chief Rial discussed community outreach groups. The department participated in the Teller and Park County First Responder food, coat & toy drive on November 28th & 29th at Walmart. Shop with a Hero is scheduled for December 12, 13 & 14th from 8:00 am until noon at Walmart. The department participated in the annual Christmas Parade on December 6th. The P.R.O.M. (Please return on Monday) meeting with WPS, UPRAD, CSP, WPD, and TCSO will be held on Monday, December 15th. Thanks go out to Karen Bodine for spearheading this initiative.

- The NETCO Christmas party was held on December 5th.
- Deputy Chief Rial discussed training hours. The department will catch up on trainings missed throughout the year and working on JPR's for certification renewal. Crew will be doing walkthroughs at TAVA over the next few weeks.
- Deputy Chief Rial discussed EMS training. The crews will catch up on missed training throughout the year. FF /Paramedic Drew Maurer will give a refresher class to crews on HER reports and the transition from NERIS to NFIRS.
- Deputy Chief Rial stated the department has completed twenty-six policies ten procedures for the 2025 year. There are approximately fifteen more policies that Deputy Chief Rail will review and make edits before issuing next week. The department will update and add any new issued policies as they arise.
- Deputy Chief Rial stated the Firefighter Safety & Disease Prevention Grant opens in January. The department is in the process of determining what exactly what will want to apply for with this grant.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Chief Lambert stated the Senator Bennett's office contacted him regarding the Congressional Direct Spending Grant the department was awarded. Chief Lambert will apply for additional grants with the Gold Mine, El Pomar and DOLA next year for additional funding.
- Chief Lambert stated he received a "Thank You" from Council Woman Tracy Park from the city of Los Angeles thanking one of the crews (Captain Dungan, Firefighters Wells & Cole) for their help during the Palisades wildland fires.
- Chief Lambert discussed the purchase of the new Chief's vehicle. The vehicle cost was \$58,805.15 There will be an additional cost for the light bar and misc. equipment for roughly \$5,100.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The BOD discussed the Final 2026 Budget.

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-03 Adopt 2026 Budget as presented.

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

PUBLIC FORUM & CORRESPONDENCE:

- Member of public David Meddles introduced himself.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Director Gomes moved the 2025 Chief's evaluation from the Executive Session to New Business per the request of Chief Lambert. A new word document was discussed and will be sent to all BOD to complete the evaluation during an Executive Session during the January 29, 2026, meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting was adjourned @ 15:56 hrs.



Secretary of the Board

Dave Paul