

# NORTHEAST TELLER COUNTY



## FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2026

**CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 17:01 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 Brian Stimits, Engineer Josh Summeril, firefighters Nick Lawson, Jordan Hunnam, Michael Perkins, and Sean Tafoya.

**MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on Dec 12, 2025, with correction.

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

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS AND BILLS:**

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

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

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

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

- Director Olson stated he will not be attending the February meeting.
- Director Gomes requested that we reschedule tonight's Executive Session to the February meeting.
- Director Gomes inquired about the part-time hours.
- Director Gomes inquired on the new Chief's vehicle.
- Director Widtfeldt inquired about the policy on when to use chains/cables on the apparatus during severe weather conditions.
- Director Gomes inquired about the completion of policies.

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

## **EVT REPORT:**

- EVT Jonas Johnsen stated that E-73 is out of service until Friday.
- EVT Jonas Johnsen discussed the handout regarding the Apparatus Age report.
- EVT Jonas Johnsen discussed a possible contender for the used aerial truck. Chief Lambert and EVT Johnsen were able to inspect the 2003 Pierce aerial truck. This truck will go to auction in February. Board Chairman Gomes requested Chief Lambert to contact the DDA Board regarding their donation of \$150,000.00 to see if they would approve us using the funds to purchase a used aerial truck verses a new truck.

A motion to authorize Chief Lambert to offer up to \$120,000.00 for the 2003 Pierce aerial truck at the Longmont Fire Department auction in February.

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

### **CAPTAIN'S REPORT:**

- Captain Stimits discussed part-time hours, call volume last month.
- Captain Stimits discussed 2025 stats.
- Captain Stimits discussed a chimney fire at Ranch Estates during the last snowstorm. This was a challenging fire due to the location, metal roof and weather conditions. Captain Stimits discussed a RV fire, a small fire in Wal-Mart, and a chimney fire in Divide.
- Captain Stimits discussed the January Captain's meeting.
- Captain Stimits stated a couple of members of the Apparatus Committee and Chief Lambert to discuss the engine details for the build.

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

- Deputy Chief Rial stated WPS, UPRAD, CSP, WPD, and TCSO met for a second meeting today to continued discussions regarding P.R.O.M. (Please return on Monday).
- Deputy Chief Rial discussed training hours and presented the BOD with a report with the training hour breakdown. Director Gomes inquired about possible training for active shooter against firefighters and / or policies.
- Deputy Chief Rial discussed EMS training. The Deputy Chief and the Training Cadre met on January 15<sup>th</sup> and discussed training stats for 2025 and discussed the direction of training for 2026 and the expectations for the department.
- Deputy Chief stated the Cadre Fire Training for January has consisted of Hammer 71 familiarization, PPE review and inspections with SCBA Fit Testing and a Buddy Breathing scenario, patient packaging using the rescue litter, and a pre-plan walkthrough of Wal-Mart. Medic training included dislocation and extremity fractures, femur fractures and traction splints, trauma kit review and a trauma scenario.
- Deputy Chief Rial stated the department has moved from NFIRS to NERIS as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Deputy Chief Rial stated the Firefighter Safety & Disease Prevention Grant opened earlier this month. The department will use the funds for either a new extractor or bunker gear if approved.
- Deputy Chief Rial stated the captains are currently working on employee evaluations. The completed evaluations are due to the Deputy Chief on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Deputy Chief Rial stated 2 of 3 captions evaluations have been completed with the last being completed tomorrow on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

- Chief Lambert stated he will complete the required application with USDA Dola to receive the Congressional Direct Spending money before the February 13<sup>th</sup> deadline. The USDA paperwork requires a motion from the BOD stating that if the funds from DOLA are not available, the district will be responsible for the remaining funds. Chief Lambert will apply for grants with the Gold Mine and El Pomar later this year for additional funding.

A motion was made to authorize Chief Lambert to sign all required paperwork for the grants.

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

- Chief Lambert stated he sent out the Impact Fee report to the designated counties and is awaiting possible feedback. Chief Lambert requested the district approve the Impact Fee / Resolution during the February meeting.

A motion was made to approve the Impact Fee report with one change to the residential portion stating that any single family residential under 1200 sq foot will be exempt from paying impact fees.

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

- Chief Lambert stated the district has changed Worker's Comp providers from Pinnacol to Benchmark Insurance Company.

**OLD BUSINESS: N/A**

**PUBLIC FORUM & CORRESPONDENCE:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Approve Resolution 2026-01.

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-01, adopt Designated Posting Location as presented.

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

- Approve Resolution 2026-02.

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-02, adopt 2021 IFC & Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code for El Paso County as presented.

- Approve 2026 Meeting Schedule.

A motion to approve the 2026 Meeting Schedule as presented.

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

- Discussed Conflict of Interest.

Board of Director will disqualify himself from voting if he/she has a conflict of interest.

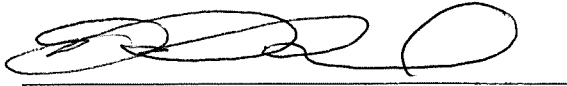
Chairman John Gomes: **None**  
Vice Chairman Dan Olson: **None**  
Secretary/ Treasurer Dave Paul: **None**  
Member at Large Larry Buttenwieser: **None**  
Member at Large Matt Widtfeldt: **None**

- Elect Board Positions.

The BOD discussed their positions and agreed to remain in their current positions.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting was adjourned @ 18:43 hrs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Dave Paul", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of the Board

Dave Paul