

# NORTHEAST TELLER COUNTY



## FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2026

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roll Call:

Chairman John Gomes: **Present**  
Vice Chairman Dan Olson: **Excused**  
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 Greg Bodine, firefighter paramedics Drew Maurer and Sean Klug. Member of the public included Dave Meddles.

**MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on January 28, 2026 as presented.

Chairman John Gomes: **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 January 28, 2026 as presented.

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

A motion was made to transfer \$297,795.21 of wildland income from the general fund to the Capital replacement account.

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

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

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

- Director Gomes discussed meeting at the Cultural Center with Senator Hickenlooper. Chief Lambert stated that he discussed the current Wildland possibilities for the district and the status of the reservoirs and mitigation programs.

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

## **EVT REPORT:**

## **CAPTAIN'S REPORT:**

- Captain Stimits discussed part-time hours and call volume last month.
- Captain Stimits discussed minor issues with the new state reporting software for logging department call volume.
- Captain Stimits stated that the department did not have an officers meeting due to Chief Lambert being out of town and Deputy Chief possible jury duty for February.

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

- Deputy Chief Rial stated that the on-duty crews attended the "Moose is Loose" launch at Tweeds on February 14<sup>th</sup> and the Community Partnership open house today.
- Deputy Chief stated the February fire training consists of Battery Response, Knots, Anchors, and Arizona Vortex training, Rescues and Drags, and a walk through and pre-plan of Tweeds. EMS training involved Common Spirit Paramedic Refresher Live Streams and BLS CPR Refresher that Deputy Chief Rial will teach next week.
- Deputy Chief Rial stated that on March 11<sup>th</sup>, the Training Cadre will host a Live Fire Training at Fort Carson. Off duty crew members will be able to attend.
- Deputy Chief Rial stated the Firefighter Safety & Disease Prevention Grant was completed. The department put in for a new extractor to replace the 24 yr. old extractor we are currently using at a cost of \$14,000.00.
- Deputy Chief Rial stated all employee evaluations have been completed.
- Deputy Chief Rial stated the Lexipol policies have been completed.

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

- Chief Lambert stated he complete the required application with USDA Dola.
- Chief Lambert stated the aerial in Missouri is available.
- Chief Lambert stated he did one drive-way inspection and CSFD completed five inspections.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Chief Lambert stated the 2003 Pierce Dash Tower truck auction was rescheduled from February 11<sup>th</sup> to March 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **PUBLIC FORUM & CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Approve Resolution 2026-03

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-03, adopt Impact Fees as presented.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

§24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S, personnel matter to discuss 2025 evaluation of Chief Lambert.

A motion was made to end the Regular Session and enter Executive Session at 17:43 with a five-minute break prior to entering the executive session.

Chairman John Gomes: **Yes**

Secretary/ Treasurer Dave Paul: **Yes**

Member at Large Terry Murphy: **Yes**

Member at Large Larry Bittenwieser: **Yes**

Executive Session ended at 18:22 hrs.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting was adjourned @18:23 hrs.



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Secretary of the Board

Dave Paul