

# NORTHEAST TELLER COUNTY



## FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 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: **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 (zoom), Office Mang/ HR/ Acct Clerk Sharon Ellis (zoom), Engineer Eddie DiMarco, firefighter Nick Lawson, James Wells & Sean Klug.

**MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on February 18, 2026 as presented.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORTS AND BILLS:**

A motion to approve the financial reports for February 28, 2026 as presented.

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

**PUBLIC FORUM & CORRESPONENCE: N/A**

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Director Gomes thanked the BOD, Chief Lambert and EVT Johnsen for their support and work during the process of locating and purchasing the 2003 Pierce Tower.
- Director Buttenwieser and Director Olson thanked Chief Lambert and EVT Johnsen.

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

**EVT REPORT: N/A**

**CAPTAIN'S REPORT: N/A**

**DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT:**

- Deputy Chief Rial stated Karen Bodine, Abbie Parker and Colt Bodine participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade.
- Deputy Chief stated the March fire training will consist of Everything Wildland, including Incident within an Incident, Progressive Hose Lays, Wildland Evolutions, and Wildland Pumping & Drafting.
- Deputy Chief Rial stated March EMS training will consist of Burns & Burn Treatment, Chain Saw Strikes, and Heat Emergencies.
- Deputy Chief Rial stated that on March 11<sup>th</sup>, Captain Kilik, Engineer / Paramedic Eddie DiMarco, firefighters James Wells, Roy McMurtry, Griffin Cole, Firefighter / paramedic Sean Klug, along with himself attended a live burn training at Fort Carson.

- Deputy Chief Rail stated that Firefighter Nick Lawson has cooperated with 719 Fools to bring a hose movement class to Teller County during the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>. Firefighter Griffin Cole has arranged to have El Paso County Hazmat give each crew training next week on the First 5 Minute Kits that we will be putting on our apparatus.
- Deputy Chief Rial stated Chief Lambert, Engineer / Paramedic Eddie DiMarco, and the Deputy Chief attended an IFC/IBC test preparation course on March 13<sup>th</sup> in preparation for taking the Fire Inspector I & II certification test. The Deputy Chief, Captain Kilik, Captain Dungan are attending the "Fire in The Sky" training March 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. This training covers Strategies and tactics for mid-rise, high-rise, and big box store incidents.
- Deputy Chief Rial stated he has not received any word on the Firefighter Safety & Disease Prevention Grant.
- Deputy Chief presented a spreadsheet regarding call volume and the type of calls the district responded to.

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

- Chief Lambert stated he completed the required application with USDA Dola.
- Chief Lambert announced the purchase of the 2003 Pierce Tower. The total cost was \$63,840.00. Chief Lambert requested to spend an additional \$50,000.00 from the Capital Replacement account to put the tower into service.
- Chief Lambert stated the first chipper date will be the week of May 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>.
- Chief Lambert stated pine needle pick up for the department will be the week of May 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Park State Bank donated \$1,000.00 to go toward the cost of the pine needle program. The City of Woodland Park will donate ten (10) dumpsters and the Teller County will assist the department.
- Chief Lambert stated House Bill 26-1334 will be presenting the Colorado Wildfire code which will give the homeowners a way to claim hardship with requirements.
- Chief Lambert announced Governor Polis is considering a bill that will remove the homestead exemption. If this were to happen, our District could lose up to \$95,000.00.
- Chief Lambert has started the process with Teller County Fire Departments to adopt the 2021 IFC International Fire Code.
- Chief Lambert discussed the brief Wildland Deployment to Nebraska. The crew was released early after the area received favorable weather conditions to help control the fire.
- Chief Lambert thanked Director Gomes for attending the March Captain's meeting.

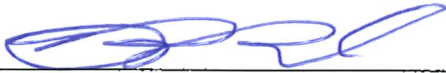
**OLD BUSINESS: N/A**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting was adjourned @ 17:44 hrs.

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

Secretary of the Board

Dave Paul