

NORTHEAST TELLER COUNTY



FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2026

CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roll Call:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Others present included Chief Tyler Lambert, Deputy Chief David Rial, Office Manager / HR / Acct Clerk Sharon Ellis (zoom), Captain Derek Kilik, Engineer / Paramedic Eddie Dimarco, firefighters, Don Baysinger, James Wells, Jacob Baucom and Luke Anderson.

MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND BILLS:

A motion to approve the May 31, 2026, financial reports as presented.

Secretary / Treasurer Dave Paul- **Yes**

Member at Large Matt Widtfeldt- **Yes**

Member at Large Larry Bittenwieser- **Yes**

Secretary /Treasurer Dave Paul- **Yes**

Chairman John Gomes- **Yes**

PUBLIC FORUM & CORRESPONDENCE: None**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Director Gomes reported receiving a phone call he received from a district resident expressing appreciation to the crew for taking time to come to her gas line to her gas meter.
- Director Gomes reported that he, Chief Lambert. Deputy Chief Rial and Engineer Summeril attended the DDA meeting to present the DDA Board with information on Tower 71's purchase. They also met with the Mayor of WP and discussed future potential mitigation efforts.
- Director Gomes discussed the article regarding the purchase of Tower 71 and thanked those who donated to the department.
- Director Paul updated the BOD on his planned relocation in the near future.

WOODLAND PARK PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS REPORT: None**EVT REPORT: None****CAPTAIN'S REPORT:**

- Captain Kilik discussed part-time hours and call volume.
- Captain Kilik discussed a grass fire overseen by A Shift and an oil spill response handled by B Shift.
- Captain Kilik discussed training involving Tower 71.
- Captain Kilik informed the BOD on Jacob Baucom's training and familiarity with the district.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Deputy Chief Rial discussed the upcoming 4th of July at Memorial Park. Deputy Chief Rial reported that filming for P.R.O.M. video was completed last week, which will allow the event to proceed in the future if weather conditions prevent an in-person extrication demonstration.

- Deputy Chief Rial reported that June fire training will focus on the Everything Driver Operator. Crews have been trained with Tower 71 and will complete the driving course soon. With the apparatus bays available due to the front pad concrete work, crews have been conducting air consumption drills. These drills provide insight into each firefighters work capacity while operating in SCBA.
- Deputy Chief Rial reported that crews are working on JPR's for certification that will be renewed on July 1.
- Deputy Chief Rial reported that June EMS training will consist of airway medications, respiratory emergencies, status asthmaticus, and a summative scenario.
- Deputy Chief Rial reported that Dr. Hurtado will be collaborating with paramedics, on- duty crews, and any off-duty personnel for a skills review and Q & A session.
- Deputy Chief Rial reported that NETCO is hosting a Lithium Battery Fire class sponsored by the Teller County Chiefs Association on June 27th. NETCO has also reserved the Burn Tower at Fort Carson for any firefighters interested in live fire training.
- Deputy Chief Rial reported that Firefighter /Paramedic Maurer has conducted training with crews on the department's new drone. Several personnel have committed to becoming Part 107-certied drone pilots through the NETCO Drone Program. These individuals will be the only personnel authorized to operate the drone. Flight and maintenance logs will be maintained, and a UAS policy is currently being developed.
- Deputy Chief Rial reported that Firefighter Baucom is working B shift to become familiar with his roles and responsibilities within the department. He also noted Karen Bodine organized a retirement celebration for Margo Hill in recognition of her years of service. Due to FF Hills departure and the possibility of additional part-time personnel leaving, the department anticipates initiating a hiring process restore our part-time staffing levels.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Chief Lambert discussed the USDA funding for the training tower. The department is awaiting a decision letter regarding grant approval. The department was not awarded the DOLA grant this year. DOLA is funding water & sewer districts this year.
- Chief Lambert provided an update on the 2024 Pierce Rescue Engine build. The department expects to receive a final engineer drawing in the coming weeks. Construction is anticipated to begin during the third quarter, with delivery expected during the fourth quarter of this year.

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC FORUM & CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Heather Prewitt, CPA, with Fiscal Focus Partners presented the 2025 audit with the Board of Directors. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions, and Ms. Prewitt provided clarification and explanation as needed. The Board and OM/HR/AC Sharon Ellis thanked Heather for her presentation.
- Chief Lambert discussed the potential donation of the department's 2014 Ford Chief's vehicle to the Cripple Creek Fire Department. The department acknowledged that the vehicle has transmission issues.

A motion to approve the donation of the 2014 Ford Chief's vehicle to the Cripple Creek Fire Department.

Secretary / Treasurer Dave Paul- **Yes**
Member at Large Matt Widtfeldt- **Yes**
Member at Large Larry Bittenwieser- **Yes**
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- Director Gomes discussed Resolution 2026-06 regarding Impact Fees for Teller County and El Paso County. Director Gomes read correspondence letter from Teller County expressing concerns regarding the impact may have on the county. Director Gomes noted that the Board previously adjusted the Impact Fees structure to address housing affordability concerns.

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-06 regarding Impact Fees for Teller County and El Paso County, as amended.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.



Secretary of the Board
Dave Paul