NORTHEAST TELLER COUNTY

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 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- **Late Arrival @ 5:14 p.m.**
Secretary /Treasurer Dave Paul- **Present**
Member at Large Larry Buttenwieser- **Present Via Zoom**
Member at Large Matt Widtfeldt- **Present**

OTHERS PRESENT: Others present included Chief Tyler Lambert, Deputy Chief David Rial, Office Mang/ HR/ Acct Clerk Sharon Ellis (zoom), Engineer / Paramedic Eddie Dimarco, Engineer Josh Summeril, firefighters Nick Lawson and Michael Perkins. Members of the public included the Ladies' Art Group.

MINUTES:
A motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2026, Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND BILLS:

A motion to approve the June 30, 2026, financial reports as presented.

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

PUBLIC FORUM & CORRESPONENCE:

Members of the Ladies Art Group presented the department with a framed painting. The gift was given in appreciation of the department's continued dedication to the community and for the use of the training room for their classes over the past several years.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Director Widtfeldt discussed the possibility of the department participating in the Merit Academy Bucket Golf team-building event on August 12th.
- Director Olson discussed retiring the American flag flown during our July 4th event and placing it in a shadow box for display.
- Director Gomes and Director Buttenwieser stated appreciation for the crew's dedication to our community.

WOODLAND PARK PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS REPORT: None

EVT REPORT: None

CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

- Engineer Summeril discussed part-time hours and call volume.
- Engineer Summeril discussed the details of two recent fire calls.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Deputy Chief Rial reported on several community relations events to include the 4th of July at Memorial Park where the new aerial displayed the American flag. Deputy Chief Rial reported that the crews attended the Charis Family Conference on July 3rd. The crews were also present at the America's Mountain Festival held on July 12th. Deputy Chief Rial announced that the department will attend the Impact Church VBS Water fight on July 24th, Bronc Day Parade in Green Mountain Falls on July 25th, National Night Out on August 4th, and Touch-A- Truck on August 12th.
- Deputy Chief Rial reported that July fire training will focus on Hose Development, Product Control, Tower 71 Crane Operations (Technical Rescue),

Pre-Incident Planning of O'Keef's Ceramics and Fort Carson live burn on July 23rd.

- Deputy Chief Rial reported that July EMS training will consist of STEMI's and Angina, 12-Lead ECG, Basic ECG, and right sided posterior ECG placement.
- Deputy Chief Rial stated he is coordinating from Bryce Boyer with DFPC's COTAK unit to deliver training for NETCO on CONTAK. This training will demonstrate how the app improves personnel accountability during incidents. usages.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Chief Lambert reported that a second crew has been deployed to respond to the Aspen Acres wildland fires.
- Chief Lambert is completing the final paperwork with USDA Wyoming regarding funding for the training tower.
- Chief Lambert noted that City of Colorado Springs has discussed dissolving the 911 Authority.
- Chief Lambert has not yet received the final engineer drawings. He has left several messages with our sales representative and will continue to follow up directly with Front Line Apparatus if he does not receive a call back next Monday.
- Director Gomes suggested researching the cost and grant opportunities to purchase a drone that can provide wildland fire water dumps.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The 2025 final audit was presented to the Board of Directors on June 18.2026 following corrections made by Heather Prewitt, CPA, of Fiscal Focus Partners.

A motion was made to approve the amended 2025 audit as presented.

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

- Chief Lambert presented financing options for the remaining cost for the training tower via Vectra Bank, noting funds could also be drawn from the Money Market account.

A motion was made to take $465,000.00 from the Money Market account to complete the construction of the Training Tower.

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**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chief Lambert initiated a discussion regarding the future of Truck 71 once Tower 71 placed in service. Chief Lambert will advertise Truck 71 for sale on appropriate platforms.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Secretary of the Board
Dave Paul