NORTHEAST TELLER COUNTY

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 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 Buttenwieser- **Present**
Member at Large Matt Widtfeldt- **Present Via Zoom**

OTHERS PRESENT: Others present included Chief Tyler Lambert, Deputy Chief David Rial, Office Mang/ HR/ Acct Clerk Sharon Ellis (zoom), Captain Derek Kilik, firefighters Jordan Hunnam, Nick Lawson, and Michael Perkins.

MINUTES:
A motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2026, Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND BILLS:
A motion to approve the July 31, 2026, financial reports as presented.

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

PUBLIC FORUM & CORRESPONENCE: None

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None

WOODLAND PARK PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS REPORT: None

EVT REPORT: None

CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

- Captain Kilik discussed part-time hours and call volume.
- Captain Kilik discussed auto extrication call, a grease fire at Hungry Bear and small house fire from a lightning strike.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Deputy Chief Rial reported on recent and upcoming community relations activities to include the Impact Church VBS water fight on July 24th, Bronc Days Parade in GMF on July 25th, National Night Out on August 4th, Touch-A-Truck on August 12th. Department crews also participated in the Sheriff's Golf Tournament by flying the flag. The department will participate in the P.R.O.M event held on September 4th.
- Deputy Chief Rial reported that July fire training will focus on completing any missed training.
- Deputy Chief Rial reported that July EMS training will consist of Mega Codes. H's and T's Deep Dive, respiratory cardiac arrest scenarios.
- Duputy Chief Rial reported that he is coordinating with Sgt. Loving of CPS on a TIMS class for September.
- Deputy Chief Rial stated that registration for the Keystone Leadership Conference has begun. Five department personnel are currently scheduled to attend and complete Leadership programs.
- Deputy Chief Rial reported that Firefighter/Paramedic Sean Klug and Firefighter Michael Perkins successfully completed their Driver Operator Pumper practical testing. Klug has also completed the written test and is now certified to the Driver Operator Pumper level. Perkins will complete his written exam. Deputy

Chief Rial thanked Firefighter James Wells and Firefighter Nick Lawson for proctoring the practical exams.

- Deputy Chief Rial reported that Firefighters James Wells, Jacob Baucom, Firefighter / Paramedic Drew Maurer along with Captain Robert Dungan and himself, attended Burn Tower Day at Fort Carson. Participants completed multiple live-fire evolutions. The next Burn Day is scheduled for October and will be mandatory for personnel who have not attended one this year.
- Deputy Chief Rial reported that applications for part-time firefighter were posted and will remain open through September 11th. The district plans to fill four part time vacancies.
- Deputy Chief Rial stated that the department will be deploying its third rotation to Eagle/ Summit counties.
- Deputy Chief Rial reported that we received a grant and purchased a remote-controlled fire truck for fire prevention presentations.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Chief Lambert reported that a second crew has been deployed to the White River Severity assignment in Eagle/Summit County. Chief Lambert, Firefighter/Paramedic Drew Maurer, Engineers Eddie DiMarco and Greg Bodine are scheduled to deploy for the third rotation on Friday, August 22nd.
- Chief Lambert announced that CORE Electric is scheduled to complete a community project regarding hydrate maintenance on October 3rd.
- Chief Lambert received a letter from Scott Holmes regarding Impact Fees. After discussing the letter with the Board, Chief Lambert will draft a formal response to Mr. Holmes.
- Chief Lambert spoke with sales representative Don Chapman, Front Range Fire Apparatus owner DeWayne, and the owner of BME regarding the status of the engine build schedule. BME's owner stated the build date has been postponed until December due to staffing shortages. Chief Lambert will follow-up with Mr. Chapman in October to verify the start. If the project faces further delays, the Chief will seek counsel from the department's attorney.
- Chief Lambert reported that Teller County has will donate five dumpsters for the upcoming pine needle collection scheduled September 14-21. The chipper program is scheduled to run from September 14-18.
- Chief Lambert provided an overview of fire inspections completed during the past month.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Chief Lambert requested a motion from the Board of Directors to open a new account dedicated to Impact Fee revenue.

A motion was made and approved to open a new checking account for Impact Fee revenue at Vectra Bank.

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- Chief Lambert reported on the estimated cost to purchase a replacement flag for Tower 71.

A motion was made and approved to spend a maximum of $2,700.00 from the Special Donations account to purchase the new flag and materials to build a shadow box for the existing flag. Director Buttenwieser will coordinate with the high school shop class to see if they can build the box.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Zak Babiarz with Teller Wi-Fi presented the Board with a presentation requesting permission to place small tower at Station 3 to extend WiFi services to residents. Teller WiFi requests a 10-year lease agreement. In exchange, our monthly WiFi fees of will be waived resulting in a savings of approximately $1995.00 a year. Mr. Babiarz will submit a formal contract next month for review by the department's attorney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.



Secretary of the Board
Dave Paul