

**DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS Regular Board Meeting**  
**January 17, 2017**  
**Open Session Summary**

**1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Called to Order at 7:03 pm

**Attendance:** Harland Baker, Bo McAllister, Greg Gent, John Fredell and Joyce Hartung

**Exec Staff:** Chief Vinny Burns, Assistant Chief Scott Ridings

**2. Public Comments**

🍏 Guests: William Lowes, Lois Williams, Dennis Feltz, Gary Rusnak, George & Ruth German, Tania Hottman, Pete Webb, Joyce Witte, Brian Ritz & Ginnette Ritz, Chris & Dave McCloy, Jim Nelson, and Joe Potter

🍏 Public Comments:

- Growing concerns that without a mill levy increase this fire dept. will not be able to sustain itself with its paid staff and not enough participation to make it a volunteer staff.
- Discuss the IGA with Tri-Lakes that was printed up in the news?
  - Chief Burns: We ran a call comparison for the last 2 years that shows how many times we respond to a medical call near and around Jackson Creek Parkway. We are trying to conserve medical resources with a restricted budget. We still have our formal agreement for Fire in place which we will always honor but medical is not part of that agreement and so we are requesting a formal agreement.

**3. Administrative**

- 🍏 December 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting summary was motioned for approval by Joyce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harland, unanimously approved. John Abstained due to absent last meeting.
- 🍏 November Financials were presented, no questions
- 🍏 December Financials were presented
  - In the month of December, the reason the cleared amount is double a normal month is we had to prepay insurance for the entire year for Workers Compensation and Property and Auto Liability which is new for us since switching to the SDA Pool. When we do the Audit in the end of March it will show a prepaid expense because it will show a 2017 expense paid in 2016 funds.

**4. Chief's Report**

- 🍏 Run Report
  - Year end Run Report: 2015-2956 2016 2709 decrease of 8%
  - Structure Fire pre-incident value was \$ 912,000 property loss of \$ 60,000. The busiest day of the week was Saturday, busiest month was October, busiest time was 10pm and 10:59 pm.
  - The Ex Gleneagle Golf club has donated the burning of the Clubhouse down. We will be hanging signs and informing the public that we are doing that. Captain Sean Pearson has been coordinating. The end of February when we burn it. We will be doing search and rescue currently in this clubhouse.

**5. Old Business**

- 🍏 SDA Signatures
  - Signatures are required by the Board to acknowledge the entering a poll for both liability and workmen's compensation to reduce operational costs. Joyce motioned to approve and Harland 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.
- 🍏 Sale of Station 3
  - George/Ruth asked where we stand on Station 3 and what we have come up with?

- At this time we are not moving ahead with the sale of station 3. Different discussions of this matter were brought up and both sides have sought out attorney council to resolve this matter.

## 5. New Business

- Gary brought up the point that he he doesn't think its a good idea to wait another month to plan out our survival.
  - It was decided that there would be a Mill levy steering committee meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm
- Dennis wanted to know why TLMFPD posted the meet and greet for tomorrow night and we did not.
  - We were invited to a meet and greet, not a formal meeting with no agenda. Was not taken in to consideration as a meeting. Most likely we will want to discuss and IGA.
- Dennis also wanted to know if we could put more on the website
  - It will only be the last approved minutes, not the current minutes
- Webb Strategic Communications came and gave a presentation, they have experience in managing elections by providing educational materials to the residence and educating them. They are very familiar with fire districts and special districts.

## 7. Executive Session

John Motioned to Enter the Executive Session, Harland 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor at 9:00 pm

CRS Section 24-6-402(e): "To determine positions relative to matter that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators."

Harland Motioned to adjourn from Executive Session, Joyce 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor at 10:05 pm

To hire Webb Strategic Communications to help in election education, with a limit of \$15,000.00  
Joyce motioned to approve, Bo 2<sup>nd</sup> all were in favor

Please make sure they are aware of the meeting the end of the month, Harland would like an exact layout of what they will do.

## 7. Adjourn

Adjourned at 10:11

pm

Joyce motioned to adjourn, Harland 2<sup>nd</sup>

**DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS Regular Board Meeting**  
**February 21st, 2017**  
**Open Session Summary**

**1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Called to Order at 7:03 pm

**Attendance:** Harland Baker, Bo McAllister, Greg Gent and Joyce Hartung

**Exec Staff:** Assistant Chief Scott Ridings

Before we begin this evening we are going to announce that this will be the last month that we allow public comments on each topic. We will not allow public comment under each topic anymore it has become disruptive. Each resident will be given up to 10 minutes at the beginning and the end of the meeting to address their concerns. Please be considerate to your fellow residents when asking questions as to not take up too much time.

**2. Public Comments**

- Guests: William Lowes, Lois Williams, Dennis Feltz, Gary Rusnak, Taunia Hottman, Joyce Witte, Chris McCloy, Jim Nelson, Mary Molli-Byron, Rose Blazi, Joe Gunderman, Mary Gunderman, Jennifer Kaylor, Joy Garscadden, Eric Burns, Reynae Burns, Louise Link, Mark Gunderman, and Steve Jonaas
- Public Comments:

**3. Administrative**

- January Meeting summary was motioned for approval by Joyce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harland, unanimously approved.
- January and February financials will be presented at next months meeting due to Stacey's' absence.

**4. Chief's Report**

- In 2016 we ran 216 calls and 2017 ran 260 increase of 20%
- Tri-Lakes Social Gathering- Bo and Greg attended and the Chiefs. General dinner
- Upcoming steering committee dates is March 8<sup>th</sup> for any HOA's that want to participate in this process but haven't been to previous meetings, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm will be at antelope trails for new discussion
- Three new volunteers started training this month
- Letter of Appreciation; One of our employees went above and beyond to go to the 1<sup>st</sup> Safety fair at Alpine Autism Center. He participated off duty. This award goes to Curt Leonhardt.
- Haunted Mines said a thank you to help out with yearly event
- Thank you from Pack 94 for hosting boy scouts
- Fire danger is increasing, no bans yet in our county, but please be careful

**5. Old Business**

- Station 3
  - Postponed until further notice due to more precedented matters
- The Board was given information last meeting concerning Pinnacle Consulting
  - Pinnacle Consulting will handle the election to make sure we follow all legal obligations and fulfill statutory requirements. We would like to go ahead and get started using them if the Board thinks this is a good idea. Contract amount is \$ 13,600.00. Joyce motioned to hire Pinnacle, Harland 2nd, unanimously approved.

**6. New Business**

- Open Board Member Position: We received a letter of Resignation from John Fredell. We will be accepting Letters of Intent until March 20th and will make a decision by April board meeting. All candidates must live in district.
- Dennis wanted to know why TLMFPD posted the meet and greet for tomorrow night and we did not.

o We were invited to a meet and greet, not a formal meeting with no agenda.

**7. New Business**

- Board members are directly decided by the Board and will remain in that position until the original term expires. This Board has 60 days to decide before the BOCC decides for them.
- Discussion mentioned the Dinner: There has been no comment other than what we read in the news. TLMFPD put out options without recommendation from us and we have not heard anything since that evening.
- Deadline for deciding mill increase number will be set by Pinnacle Consulting so we don't miss anything.
- Station 2 loan is currently being reviewed to see if we have the option to prepay, or refinance

**8. Executive Session**

**8:37 pm**

CRS Section 24-6-402(e): "To determine positions relative to matter that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators."

Harland Motioned to adjourn from Executive Session, Bo 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor at 9:15pm

No decisions were made

**9. Adjourn**

Adjourned at 9:17 pm

Harland motioned to adjourn, Bo 2<sup>nd</sup>

**DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS Regular Board Meeting**  
**March 21st, 2017**  
**Open Session Minutes**

**1 Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Called to Order at 7:02 pm

**Attendance** Harland Baker, Bo McAllister, Greg Gent and Joyce Hartung

**Exec Staff** Chief, Vinny Burns, Assistant Chief Scott Ridings

**2. Public Comments**

- ? Guests: William Lowes, Lois Williams, Dennis Feltz, Gary Rusnak, Jim Nelson, Joe Gunderman, Mary Gunderman, Jennifer Kaylor, Rachel Dunn, Matt Fisher, Russell Robinson, Jay Kelley, and Lisa Hatfield.
- ? Public Comments:
  - o There was discussion on how many nominations we had submit for the open Board seat. We had 4, 3 of which are currently present
  - o There was also more discussion on merging on fire departments, unfortunately that cannot be accomplished in this short timeline
  - o No further discussions have come with TLMFD and DWFD
  - o Gary submitted 3 pages of questions to the board to discuss at a later date

**3. Administrative**

- ? February Meeting summary was motioned for approval by Bo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joyce, unanimously approved.
- ? January and February financials were presented, no questions .

**4. Chief's Report**

- ? In February of 2016 we ran 215 calls and 2017 ran 229 increase of 7%
- ? Fire Ban Stage 1 currently in effect
- ? Have already done a deployment to Kansas and were reassigned to Oklahoma.

**5. Old Business**

- ? Addendum to Employee manual
  - o To entice the personnel to stay with us during this phase we have offered them two additional days off for the years 2017 and 2018. These days can not be cashed in or rolled. Bo motioned to approve the temporary addendum, Joyce 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, unanimously approved.
- ? Open Records Resolution 2017-003
  - o Found some inconsistency with how open records are handed out and making sure we are all on the same page, Joyce motioned for approval, Harland 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.
- ? **Station 3**
  - o The BOCC agreed that Station 3 can be sold as a home in Sun Hills, it is with advisement that we postpone all Station 3 activities at this time do to other pressing concerns. This will also give the staff time to meet with the HOA.
- Steering Committee Update
  - o The last steering committee was held last week and we are awaiting Pinnacle for final numbers as to what mill levy we will ask for, should have numbers in April
- Board Member Position
  - o the board will review the candidates during the next 4 weeks and will decide at the next meeting in April

**6. New Business**

- ? A thank you from the Board to Stacey who puts together our packets a week ahead of time so I have time to read it.

**7. Public Comments:**

- ? Residents were curious as to how the steering committee turned out since that was the last meeting, we are not ready to disclose results until we meet with Pinnacle.
- ? Confirmed that all items posted to website would not incur a fee
- ? Maybe a fire danger sign could be placed in front of station so people driving by can see that the fire danger is high, review cost of sign
- ? Meeting minutes that are posted to the website have an error in 2016, will review and fix
- ? Minutes after approval will be available via the website following the meeting
- ? Any future plans for the fire district
  - o hard to plan without knowing the future so plans will come after November Election
- ? Concerns that knowing about this for 2 years and not telling the employees of their future
  - o Employees have been kept in the loop the entire time, even the gentlemen in the back of the room know
  - o Also we went for a Mill increase 3 years ago and the consensus was if you don't need it now why do we need to give it to you
  - o Met with the steering committee last summer and we had a lot of unknowns. We were given 2 months not 2 years by the City before annexing started

7. **Adjourn**

Adjourned at 7:57 pm

Joyce motioned to adjourn, Harland 2<sup>nd</sup>

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Popovich

**DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS Regular Board Meeting**  
**April 19th, 2017**  
**Open Session Minutes**

**1 Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Called to Order at 7:03 pm

**Attendance:** Bo McAllister, Greg Gent and Joyce Hartung

**Exec Staff:** Chief Vinny Burns, Assistant Chief Scott Ridings

**2. Public Comments**

? Guests:

? Public Comments:

- o Gary submitted 3 pages of questions to the board to answer, Greg handed the answers back in.

**3. Administrative**

? March Meeting summary was motioned for approval by Joyce 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bo, unanimously approved.

? March financials were presented was motioned for approval by Joyce 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bo, unanimously approved.

**4. Chief's Report**

? In March of 2016 243, March 2017 254, 5% increase

- o 1 building fire in Tri-lakes as automatic aid. Ladder 531 performed ladder placement and outside ventilation mask
- o Performed advanced Life Support Skills at 15 medical calls
- o Performed Basic Life support skills at 10 medical calls

? Regarding Tri-Lakes medical calls we will only respond in life-threatening emergency but will eliminate a majority of the calls

? Steering committee results: The staff presented a estimated 14.9 mill (fully funded) 10 year financial plan to the steering committee. A anonymous vote was taken and the results were 2 to 1 in favor of fully funding the fire district. The district has 18 Home Owners Associations within it boundaries. All 18 where invited to attend the steering committee meetings, 13 of the 18 attended.

? District goals:

- o Important to the residents to discuss the financial analysis and what we see coming
  - Strengths- adequate fire equipment, community involvement in smoke detector programs, mitigation projects, experienced well-trained staff, community response team for a growing aging population
  - Weaknesses- personnel retention, no community response team
  - Opportunities-Work with the state, Division of Fire Safety and Control, exploring mergers, consolidations, wild land deployments, help lower insurance premiums through ISO rating, help Gleneagle become a firewire community
  - Threats- Diminish of tax revenue, urban interface from fire similar to Black Forest Fire, if the mill levy doesn't pass layoffs, closing stations
- o Become financially stable by 2019
- o Awards from Kansas for last months deployment. A letter of appreciation, and a thank you note for a Birthday Party. B shift had a cardiac arrest save. The hospital and the husband thank you they will have a full recovery.
- o Special needs tour in Manitou Springs, special thank you for Shaun Leonhardt
- o Summer Safety fair at May 13th from 10am -2pm will publicize more when information is available
- o Pleasant View Social Club cleanup May 20th from 9am-2pm
- o Gleneagle North Cleanup weekend May 21st
- o Fire ban has been lifted from last month

## 5. Old Business

- ? We need to appoint a Board Member
  - o Greg motions to take a vote. Greg votes Rachel Dunn, Joyce votes Rachel Dunn, and Bo votes Rachel Dunn. Unanimously voted for Rachel Dunn
- ? Amanda- Specialize in accounting for 11 years in fire districts. She was pleased in helping the District figure out what was necessary to sustain for the next 10 years. I have 2 scenarios what will happen if the Mill levy does not go through and what would happen if we did an increase of 15 mills. Even at 15 mills in the year of 2024 we would need to go for another mill because we will not even be able to sustain at 15 additional mills for the next ten years but the District can only increase so much on its residents at a time. See attached

## 6. New Business

- ? None

## 7. Public Comments:

- ? Gary Rusnak- Only need 7 mils and I don't think the Board has any plan if the mill levy fails. Conclusion the firefighter staff can be reduced from 5 to 4. No benefit cuts. operate out of one station. Implementation cost savings now. I think with some financial management it would be no more than 7 mils.
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## 7. Adjourn

Adjourned at 7:43 pm

Joyce motioned to adjourn, Rachel 2<sup>nd</sup>

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Popovich

**DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS Regular Board Meeting**  
**May 17th, 2017**  
**Open Session Minutes**

**1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Called to Order at 7:03 pm

**Attendance:** Bo McAllister, Rachel Dunn, Greg Gent and Joyce Hartung, Joyce motions to excusing Harland Baker, Bo 2nd, unanimously approved

**Exec Staff:** Chief Vinny Burns, Assistant Chief Scott Ridings

**2. Public Comments**

- Guests: Dino Ross, Jennifer Kaylor, Gary Rusnak, Tom Nettles, Steve Sery, Matt Fisher, Michelle Fisher, Dennis Feltz, Bryan Ackerman, Melissa Seidenberg, Debbie Qwist
- Public Comments:
  - Gary Rusnak
    - Any alternative in the IGA with the City if the vote fails?
    - Was there something in the statutes where the City has to come in and support the District?
    - When would the Board be voting as to what the Board would be proposing? If they do it during Executive Session and is there time to allow public comment before voting?
    - Thank you for the CORA request for the steering committee unanimous votes and sign in sheet
      - Expressed concerns that to 2 to 1 in favor is not a good representation of the District, of the 31 votes 15 voted no. I think we have a 50/50 chance. When we went to the steering committee meeting we did not get our HOA's survey as a whole. We should not count each vote as the entire HOA voting that way. We have 9 Board Members in our HOA and were not in favor of it. He also checked with GCA, between the two HOAs that is 1/3 of the population in our District, and their steering committee members also voted no. So the vote is not a good representation of the entire population

**3. Administrative**

- April Financials were presented was motioned for acceptance Joyce by 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rachel, unanimously approved.
- April Meeting Minutes were presented was motioned for approval by Bo 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joyce, unanimously approved.

**4. Chief's Report**

- **Monthly Run Report:** In April of 2016, 188 calls, April of 2017, 260 calls, Increase of 38%
  - We responded to 4 fires, one was in district, it was a trash fire with \$0.00 fire loss. The other three were mutual aid with Tri-Lakes.
- **Awards:**
  - Penrose-St Francis gave us a thank plaque for helping them achieve One of America's 50 Best Hospitals.
  - Thank You Captain Pearson. His dedication to our department and North Group Fire agencies training, he goes above and beyond. In addition to his normal Captain duties, he spends on average an additional 5 hours a week.
  - Volunteer Firefighter / EMT George Laugesen donated a treadmill to the department.
- **For the good of the organization:**
  - Fire Mitigation Chipping cleanup day scheduled with Pleasant View Social Club. May 20th. 9am to 2pm.
  - Wescott will also be helping with the Gleneagle North Homeowners during their cleanup weekend. May 21st
  - Gleneagle Old Golf Course Club House live fire training will be held May 23rd and 25th. A press release will be going out this week.
- **General Information:**
  - Thank you goes out to our staff for all their hard work putting together the safety fair.
  - We had estimated 350 people in attendance.
  - Thank you to all vendors that participated.
  - We had a safety message drawing contest with Antelope Trails Elementary School. We picked a winner from each grade.
    - 1st. Charlie
    - 2nd. Abby Lance
    - 3rd. Alyson Fisher
    - 4th. Keira Armenta
  - The Winners safety message and picture will be posted on our web-site and Facebook page.
  - [www.wescottfire.org](http://www.wescottfire.org) - [www.facebook.com/wescottfire/](http://www.facebook.com/wescottfire/)
- **Web-Site:**

- The Pinnacle Study and the Wescott Mill Levy FAQ's was included in your board packets. I would like the board approval to post these documents on our website.
  - Bo motions that we post the FAQs and Pinnacle summary to the website, Rachel 2nd, unanimously approved.

## 5. Old Business

- Greg wants to address Gary's Questions:
  - Dino: We can do another election if this one fails
  - Greg: We won't be deciding on the Mill levy until June and we won't be doing any of this in Executive Session. It fits in the timeline to discuss this until the end of August. Dino recommends not waiting until then but we still have time.
  - Dennis: Is this new because I wasn't present at the other meetings where things were decided?
    - Greg: We never decided anything in Executive Session and legal matters were not in open session because that was not for the residents to decide. I think having a lot of discussion to have at that time amongst the District residence would be a good idea.

## 6. New Business

- Firefighters forum: please see attached.

## 7. Public Comments:

- Dennis Feltz: When can we pick up a financial statement it was approved for us to have them?
  - You can receive a copy after the meeting.
- Debbie Qwist: What does volunteer fire department mean?
  - Lt. Ackerman: most volunteers live outside of the District. We hire from the colleges and the neighborhood. We currently have 12, a new class will start in the upcoming weeks. We get the pages just like the career firefighters. It takes a staff of 25-30 people to schedule an entire month.
  - Greg- Wescott was built on volunteers. Our hired staff comes from our volunteers, but they also move on to paid positions elsewhere.
- Gary Rusnak: I would appreciate the alert system, that we use, be passed on to the HOAs so it can go out to the Homeowners to lessen the phone call noise
  - Is the call volume just our new district or combine AMR? Asst. Chief. Ridings says its combined
  - Really struck that they didn't include any income for AMR and why we didn't continue to collect from AMR
    - Chief Burns: there is a potential for AMR to pullout
  - Tri-Lakes sent a letter to HOA:
    - Gary assumed we got a copy of the letter sent out. We have not. I find it hard to believe that a facility like that can't take care of their firefighters. They need to improve response times because they aren't making response times. They need new engines, new air packs, and renovations to their buildings. I think its important to take care of our firefighters and can't believe that an establishment of their size doesn't. I find it hard to believe that they aren't taking care of their folks and need a mill levy for that. Its the first thing that comes to mind for me is protect the firefighters.

## 8. Adjourn

Joyce motioned to adjourn, Rachel 2nd unanimously approved

Adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Popovich

**DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS Regular Board Meeting  
June 20th, 2017  
Open Session Minutes**

**1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Called to Order at 7:04 pm

- **Attendance:** McAllister, Rachel Dunn, Greg Gent and Joyce Hartung, Joyce motions to excuse Harland Baker , Rachel 2nd unanimously approved. Harland has joined us.
- **Exec Staff:** Chief Vinny Burns

**2. Public Comments:**

- Guests: Tom Nettles, Lisa Hatfield, JD Dallager, Jessie Seibert, Tom Sistare, Bryan Ackerman, Jennifer Kaylor, Gary Rusnak, Lois Williams, Dennis Feltz
- Public Comments:
  - Gary- requested an agenda item. Please see attached. Would like to correct inaccuracies of the minutes. Submitted the questions to the Board and the OCN.
  - Kenneth Judd also submitted a written statement it was written by Greg Gent, while reading interrupted by Dennis Feltz, continued and finished the reading

**3. Audit 2016:** Tom Sistare and Jessie Seibert presents the Audit. Based on the financials statements are fairly presented, and financial statements are clean.

- Prepaid Expenses were high due tot he SDA Pool
- Liabilities: Accrued salaries didn't happen in the past year but happened this year for salaries earned before the end of the year that weren't paid out.
- Revenues: Taxes up 169,000.00, Wildland income net was \$51,000.00, other income was down with less grant revenue from previous year.
- Same comments as past years: one person accounting staff. Year-end closing procedures and backdating and predating checks. This is a tool that Stacey uses about getting the expense in the right budget year. Different tool to get it in the correct budget that she can use.

**4. Administrative:**

- May Financials were presented was motioned for acceptance Joyce by 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bo, unanimously approved.
- May Meeting Minutes were presented was motioned for approval by Joyce 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rachel, unanimously approved.

**5. Chief's Report:**

- Gleneagle Golf Club Training Fire: Burn operation was conducted by Wescott personnel on the morning of Thursday, June 8th by Wescott personnel as weather conditions were favorable for the smoke plume to rise above the surrounding neighborhoods. Valuable training was gained in observing rapid fire spread in large buildings as well as expected failure of building components under fire conditions. Wescott members staffed the ladder pipe and several other large caliber streams to make sure the fire did not escape containment, as well as deploying a roving vehicle to insure that there were no spot fire created by the fire. The clubhouse/restaurant suffered structural collapses within 20 minutes of ignition, with total collapse about 50 minutes in. There were no spot fires away from the complex as the building was surrounded on all sides by our firefighters. There were no injuries. There was a significant amount of spectators in the designated parking area. Wescott had approximately 20 firefighters on scene with an engine company available to run alarms in the district with back up assistance from TLMFD. Firefighters were assigned to rotate through fire watch through Friday morning to quell any large flare ups that may have occurred. A great job of coordinating this event and seeing it through to completion safely by Captain Sean Pearson and Assistant Chief Scott Ridings. As of this afternoon, the demolition crew has started the clean up and debris removal process.
- Thank you notes/letters: School District 11 sent a letter thanking Captain Sean Pearson for his fire safety presentation to a class. Also received a card from Antelope Trails for Wescott Participation and support with the Bike Safety Rodeo.
- This last Sunday, the Gazette Telegraph published an editorial of how an elderly couple living in the Wescott Fire District had been trying to get assistance with building a handicap ramp to assist them with entrance and egress from the home from the VA, with no assistance given. Wescott firefighters have responded to this home to help this couple many times over the past few years and have built a relationship with this couple. Wescott firefighters took matters into their own hands and built a handicap ramp for them. This was done for no other reason than it was the right thing to do. Thanks to Lt. Leonhardt, Driver Roger Lance, Firefighter Eric Bogenrief Paramedics Dennis Wesselink and Doug McIntyre for their effort to get this done. There was also a follow up response from a district resident in todays editorial section of The Gazette.
- Our new board member, Rachel Dunn, Chief Scott Ridings, Administrative Assistant Stacey Popovich and myself attended the Special District Association presentation of new information regarding legal updates regarding the new SDA handbook, legislative updates and items concerning all special district boards in Colorado. The new manuals are included in your packet. All attendees found the class informative and helpful.
- Volunteers members sold hot dogs as a fund raiser this past weekend during the Gleneagle HOA garage sale. Lt. Ackerman stated there was approx. \$330.00 in donations. Four volunteer members with B shift provided support for the operation. The event also provided an opportunity to showcase the station in an "open house " format. Estimated approx. 150 residents and guests had an opportunity to view the station, apparatus and interaction with Wescott members.

•Wescott firefighters will be participating in the Pikes Peak Hill Climb Fan Fest this Friday June 23rd, from 4-10pm. The event is downtown on Tejon St. Members will be cooking chili to raise money for MDA.

- **Monthly Run Report** May of 2016, 207 calls, May of 2017, 251 calls, Increase of 21% Actual report will be given out next month
  - We responded to 2 fires, both were mutual aid.
  - We are currently protecting \$ 11,035,007,934.00 in property market value and had \$0.00 fire loss for the month. (This includes the remaining portion of the District.)

## 6. Old Business

- Joyce- we do represent the firefighters and we do everything to protect our firefighters we feel like we are doing the very best to get the information out to you and gather your opinion. The only person who can tell us what can be cut is the Chiefs. We don't overspend and we handle our money very carefully. We have to try and still do our jobs with a lot less money. How do you train these guys and they know what their job is? They train everyday, and stay strong. The people in Old Colorado know of our team. I am disappointed that you aren't as loyal to these firefighters as they are to you. Don't ever think that we don't care. I don't think you should down play it when talking to homeowners.
- Bo- for those of you don't know i was a volunteer here. When I first got promoted to this Board and I found out the history. I have been a paid police officer and volunteer firefighter, and nothing compares to this House. The contract in 2000 that was signed by the City sent us into trouble. We cant do anything about that now but we need to do something to protect our community. We have been with 7 mills forever, and all of us are higher around us. No one is willing to cut their own mills to meet with us. I pay a lot of money to Donala so I can have green grass and I pay even more to District 20 and I don't have kids in District 20. We have good equipment, good people and trained staff
- Rachel- The fundamentals that we teach our children we should stand up and support our community. We chose this community because of this community and this station. The ideas we instill in our children we lose as adults. We have heard your suggestions and I don't think a subpar fire department is fair to this community, my friends and neighbors.
- Harland- I knew that with 4 boys and a girl I knew I would use the fire department. I can assure you that we are only asking for what we need. We budget accordingly and times have changed and its time to make the best of the change coming our way.
- Greg- it would be hard to replace the staff that we have. I feel like public comments are taxpayer comments. I think we have ridden on 7 mills for a long time. The City is getting tired of paying it and I think its hard to imagine that we have gotten away with this for so long. I believe the way we run our station is the way we need to continue. We need to be able to provide to the community. We do not want to wait for the other District to show up. Nobody wants to pay more tax but we must do it to keep the standards as they are now. It didn't happen over night it took 35 years. If we cant fight fires now insurance companies will start jacking up the rates. I got canceled last month because of Black Forest Fire. I do believe you will always get the best we have whether its two guys or four guys.

Greg motions, 'To direct the Chief of staff and the District consultants to prepare a proposed Resolution and related documents for a 14.9 mill tax increase election in November 2017 for Board consideration and possible action at the July Board meeting,' and Joyce 2nd that. Unanimously approved.

- Harland had a few questions concerning what it looks like with Gallagher. The executive staff will produce one for next month as an example.

Greg remotions, 'To direct the Chief of staff and the District consultants to prepare a proposed Resolution for the sub-district and related documents for a 14.9 mill tax increase election in November 2017 for Board consideration and possible action at the July Board meeting,' and Joyce 2nd that. Unanimously approved.

## 7. Firefighter's Forum

- None

## 8. New Business

- None

## 9. Public Comments:

- Tom Nettles: We appreciate you and are thankful for you very much. I am not representing the fire mitigation committee and or the HOA but I am concerned that if someone sees 14.9 mills they are going to deny it. Unless they see some sort of cost reduction along with it I think its going to be a tough sell. I hope you can sell it.
- Gary Rusnak: I did take the opportunity to contact the assessors office. Gallagher amendment actually increased 21,000 dollars because assessed values increased. The amendment did not effect you at all. You need to get as much out to the public. I want a fire dept that is reasonable for the taxes that i am willing to pay. I have just been presenting a different opinion bc I feel they won't vote for the increase. I don't share with anyone else nothing but the facts.
- Dennis Feltz: I moved into the District because the fire dept. I worked with Vinny. I have nothing to say bad about the firefighters especially the volunteers who work full-time and set aside time to volunteer time to train and shifts. I think that the communication and the support of the Board is poor. We came to you and nothing was being done for cost saving until last year. I think 7 mills would have been appropriate but 14 mills and aggressively looking at another department.

## 10. Adjourn

- Joyce motioned to adjourn, Rachel 2nd unanimously approved

Adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Popovich

**DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS Regular Board Meeting**  
**July 19th, 2017**  
**Open Session Minutes**

Called to Order at 7:00 pm

**1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Attendance:** Bo McAllister, Rachel Dunn, Greg Gent and Joyce Hartung, Joyce motions to excuse Harland Baker , Bo 2nd unanimously approved. Harland has joined us.
- **Exec Staff:** Chief Vinny Burns

**2. Public Comments:**

- **Guests:** Jennifer Kaylor, Gary Rusnak, Delroy Johnson, Bill Lowes, Wayne Krzemien, Bryan Ackerman, Tim Hampton, Luke Jones, Rachael Peters, George Laugesen, Jonathan Urban, Chris Jayne, Melissa Seidenburg, Louise Link, Rob Carrigan.
- **Public Comments:**
  - Delroy Johnson: Thank you to Scott Ridings for helping him mitigate his property. I think that we should put more than one item on the ballot and let the voters choose which mill levy to go to.
  - Gary Rusnak: Asked for the minutes to be revised and I am assuming there will not be any revisions. I am concerned that there is no income made from Wildland and the auditor says we made over \$50,000.00 in income. I need to understand if its just a reimbursement why did we make money? Whats your plan if the vote fails?
    - Chief Burns: Stacey will address your concerns about the minutes when she gets back.
  - Luke Jones: Lots of blood, sweat and tears to come up with whats best for the district. The Board and the Chiefs have always been transparent with us and have asked us to participate in the plan. If the board goes with the recommended number I feel like this will allow us to continue serving at the current standard.
  - Tim Hampton: Serving Wescott since 2000. Thank you to the Board for the effort put in to this plan. We rely on the career staff to help with training the volunteer staff so if we didn't receive the additional funding it will put a strain on the volunteers.

**3. Administrative:**

- June Financials were presented was motioned for acceptance Joyce by 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rachel, unanimously approved.
- June Meeting Minutes were presented was motioned for approval by Joyce 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bo, unanimously approved.

**4. Chief's Report:**

- NEPCO- Chief Truty and myself gave an overview of why both Districts are going for mill levy's. This past Saturday we were given a Certificate of Membership as a honorary member
- I just want to take a few minutes to address my opinion to the Board and the Residents. I have seen a lot of changes over the years, 37 years worth. Over the years we have gone from faulty equipment, little training to well equipped and fully trained. There is a possibility that failure to approve this we will be letting 137 years worth of experience walk out the door. I hope you really consider consequences if this does not pass.
- **Monthly Run Report:**Postponed until next month

**5. Old Business**

- Greg: Discussion on the resolution?
  - Bo- to the young man in the back: I agree that it sounds like a lot but everyones taxes are going up. If we ever look at merging we need to have similar mills otherwise it will not be beneficial for any party to join with us.
- Chief: To address the concerns of a contingency plan: my organization already knows that if this does not pass there will be only 3 firefighters and a Chief. Not 3 per shift but 3 total. This is the cost of doing business effectively. To sell you anything less is dangerous, irresponsible and silly. Think about the unintentional side effects that this will cause on your community.

*Greg reads Resolution #2017-004, ' A Resolution of the Board of Directors calling an election for the Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Northern Sub-District.' Please see attached for full resolution. Joyce motions to adopt this resolution, Rachel 2nd, unanimously approved.*

**6. Firefighter's Forum**

- None

**7. New Business**

- None

**8. Public Comments:**

- Gary Rusnak: The sub-district is just the northern part this does not include any of the land that went to the City. Going to Bo's comment about being on an even playing field for merging. Everywhere I have read that sometimes mill levy's go down. Chief just letting you know you haven't given me this second option so its either all or nothing.
- Melissa Seidenburg: I have seen both sides of this organization. From my perspective I support the 21.9 mills. My home and the safety for my family does not have a price tag. I would like to thank the Board for making those tough decisions on our behalf.
- Delroy Johnson: probably should put it with PR and make it short an sweet because it will be junk mail for most but could catch 10% of the people to get them to vote yes.

**9. Adjourn**

- Joyce motioned to adjourn, Rachel 2nd unanimously approved

Adjourned at 7:49 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Popovich

**DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS Regular Board Meeting**  
**September 19th, 2017**  
**Open Session Minutes**

Called to Order at 7:03 pm

**1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Attendance:** Bo McAllister, Greg Gent, Harland Baker, Rachel Dunn and Joyce Hartung.
- **Exec Staff:** Chief Vinny Burns

**2. Public Comments:**

- Guests: Jennifer Kaylor, Dennis Feltz, Bill Lowes, Gary Rusnak, Tim Hampton, Bryan Ackerman
- Public Comments:
  - Gary: No agenda about the ballot update, and when does the opportunity to campaign begin. Who is the elected official who is writing the Blue book.
    - Chief Burns: The DEO is Kammy Tinney and she is a professional DEO. I receive a monthly report from her and will answer that during the Chiefs Report. The District can support its own election, we just cannot campaign on duty.
    - Gary: When I reviewed the comments from Pinnacle and during that second meeting. I am requesting that it be taken down. This is the Pinnacle report not Gary's report. The staff was looking for Gary's report that was submitting to the Board of Directors.

**3. Administrative:**

- August Financials were presented was motioned for acceptance by Joyce 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harland unanimously approved.
- August Meeting Minutes were presented was motioned for approval by Joyce 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bo unanimously approved.

**4. Chief's Report:**

- **August Run Report Postponed**
- We have another crew in Oregon now and looks like they will be gone for another 14 days. We have been in Oregon since August 5th. Still in the Grants Pass area. We expect that they will fulfill their 14 days and may do another crew swap
- July 21st we attended a fallen firefighter memorial for Mike Freeman, your presence was appreciated and we received a thank you note from Fire Chief Bob Baker, South Metro Fire
  - Saturday October 7th we will be doing an open house here at the Station. More information to follow.

**5. Old Business**

- Election Update:
  - Notice of Intent submitted to El Paso County Elections prior to July 28, 2017 deadline
  - Resolution Calling Election- Adopted July 19, 2017
  - Boundary Map and Resolution Calling Election provided to El Paso County Elections August 9, 2017
  - Address Locator reviewed/confirmed. Confirmation and noted revisions provided to El Paso County Elections August 15, 2017
  - IGA with El Paso County Elections Re Coordinated Election- Approved by the Board at its August 15, 2017 regular meeting and submitted to El Paso County prior to the August 29, 2017
  - Certification of Ballot Content- Certification and final ballot content submitted to El Paso County Elections via email and regular mail September 6 and 7, 2017
  - Last day to file Pro/Con comments with DEO September 22, 2017
  - Last day to submit Pro/Con summary content and TABOR notice information to El Paso County Elections September 26, 2017.
  - Next Steps:
    - TABOR notice mailed October 6, 2017
    - Ballots mailed October 16 thru October 20, 2017
    - Appoint Canvass Board October 23, 2017
    - Voter Service Centers open October 30, 2017
    - Ballot Drop-Off Locations open November 3, 2017
    - November 7, 2017 ELECTION DAY
    - Canvass Returns- No later than November 27, 2017

**6. Firefighter's Forum**

- None

**7. New Business**

- Budget 2018
  - First look, typically not firm numbers. We have prepared 3 budgets. The real budget work comes after Thanksgiving for the actual numbers
  - Budget A is winning the election, Budget B budget is losing, and 2019 is continuing on only 7 mils.
  - We have money coming from the City and we are going to put that into the reserve funds to help offset upcoming years
  - Please see attached.
  - This is NOT a final draft, a very new first look. Statutory requirement
  - The we will have additional funds next year only if we win.

**8. Public Comments:**

- Dennis- besides the 7 mils that is in place we would be paying tax 2x on the 14.9. We are basing it on a 2 million dollar budget. After 2018 there are no funds. Current district is at 7 mils and 14.9 mils being added
- Gary- Run report- are we still supporting the south end or just our District next year. St. 22 is an automatic aid when they are out but we don't go down there for every call. AMR is in the budget for 2018 but not for 2019 due to a renewal and we are only one party of the contract.

**9. Adjourn**

- Joyce motioned to adjourn, Harland 2<sup>nd</sup> unanimously approved

Adjourned at 7:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Popovich

**DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS Regular Board Meeting**  
**October 17th, 2017**  
**Open Session Minutes**

**1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Called to Order at 7:01 pm

- **Attendance:** Bo McAllister, Greg Gent, and Rachel Dunn, Joyce is excused, Harland is absent
- **Exec Staff:** Chief Vinny Burns, Assistant Chief Scott Ridings
- **Guest Sign in Sheet:**
  - Guests: Jennifer Kaylor, Gary Rusnak, Carlin and Shirley Kielcheski, John and Rosie Chorlton, Ken Judd, Shannon and Duane Garrett, Jeff and Jolly Douds

**2. Public Comments:**

- Gary: Chief Ridings and some other firefighters were deployed and how are your shifts handled here and do the volunteers get paid for those shifts. Run reports that are related to the remaining portion of the District or are we still including the portion that will be gone next year.

**3. 9/11 Portrait Presentation:**

- Carl Kielcheski present Wescott Fire Protection District with a painting portraying the 9/11 remembrance to the Fire Department that saved his life after a cardiac problem. Wescott Fire Department was the first on scene. He is a retired LT at the Air Force Academy. He served in the Vietnam war depicting what was happening during the War, Combat Artist. The Air Force Academy hired him on to teach art as an elective. That course brought 150 cadets a year, more than any other class in the academy.

**4. Oath of Office:** Volunteer Firefighters were sworn in to office.

Resumed the Board of Directors Meeting at 7:51pm

**5. Administrative:**

- September Financials were presented was motioned for acceptance by Rachel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bo, unanimously approved.
- September Meeting Minutes were presented was motioned for approval by Bo 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rachel, unanimously approved.

**6. Chief's Report:**

- Our format has changed which is tied to the County Dispatch system: This tracking system is also only for the remaining portion of our District
  - August 2017- 36 fire or emergency call, 35 EMS calls for a total of 71, 0% property loss. Gave mutual aid to 16 calls and received mutual aid 4 times. Average Response Time was 5:39
  - September 2017- 26 fire or emergency calls, 27 EMS calls for a total of 53, 0% property loss. Gave mutual aid to 9 calls and received mutual aid 2 times Average Response Time was 5:44
- Fire Risk reduction grant that we received for the High Forest Ranch and Shamrock Ranch. The design was to create a shaded fuel break Southside of the HFR and the Northside of the Shamrock Ranch. Total project cost was 115,000.00 treated 82 acres, average cost at 1400.00 an acre. It was a 50/50 grant so the grant was \$57,720 dollars and the homeowners were responsible for the other half. Approximately 30 homes were enhanced with defensible space. Approximate neighboring lands treated was 300.
- Back from Deployment in Oregon they have received rain.
  - Reimbursed for any overtime incurred from helping a neighboring fire department. Volunteers are not allowed to backfill for deployed firefighters because then they would not be a volunteer anymore but a part-time. It is more beneficial for the firefighter to stay at a volunteer status versus 2x a year being a part-time employee

- Received several thank you notes for service

## 7. **Old Business:**

- Election Update:
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- Budget 2018- Not worth changing anything until we know what the outcome will be of the election

## 8. **Firefighter's Forum**

- None

## 9. **New Business**

- Station 2 Easement no updates

## 10. **Public Comments:**

- Gary- Is that an easement for the property or trying to sell Station 2. Chief Burns replies with: This has nothing to do with selling anything. Station 2 Easement- Rights to use the road only, but nobody has presented that to us at this time.
- Shannon- Ballots are out!!

## • **Adjourn**

Adjourned at 8:13pm

- Rachel motioned to adjourn, Bo 2nd unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Popovich

**DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS Regular Board Meeting  
November 21st, 2017  
Open Session Minutes**

**1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Called to Order at 7:00 pm

- **Attendance** Bo McAllister, Greg Gent, and Rachel Dunn, Rachel makes a motion to excuse Joyce and Harland, Bo 2nd. Bo makes a motion to unexcused Joyce, Rachel 2nd, unanimously approved.
- **Exec Staff** Chief Vinny Burns, Assistant Chief Scott Ridings
- **Guest Sign in Sheet** Jennifer Kaylor, Dennis Feltz, Wayne Krzemien, Shaun Leonhardt, Andrew Kopp, Rachael Peters, Angela LaMarca, Sean Pearson, Stef Metcalf, Melissa Seidenberg, Shawn Ballard

**2. Public Comments:**

- **Dennis** was to be notified and did not receive notice of the meeting. Stacey apologizes she did not remember this month. Also can I have a copy of the budget so I can follow it. Greg replies with after it is approved you may have it.

**3. Awards that were not given at the prior weekend**

- Sean Pearson receives an Administrative Commendation for the hard-work put into coordinating training with the North group and the Clubhouse burn.
- Asst. Chief Ridings also has received an Administrative Commendation assisting in the coordination of the clubhouse burn. The entire North group got to participate.

**4. Administrative:**

- October Financials were presented was motioned for acceptance by Joyce 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rachel, unanimously approved.
- October Meeting Minutes were corrected with revisions and then were motioned for approval by Joyce 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bo, unanimously approved.

**5. Chief's Report:**

- **October Monthly Run Report**
  - We handled 27 EMS calls, and 30 Fire calls total of 57 responses
  - Average Response time was 5:35, Faster than average 6 minute response time.
  - Aid given was 14 and Aid received was 4
  - Zero fire loss
- Chief Burns would like to thank the community in their support in passing the initiative. Thank you to our members and the community for their time walking. We truly appreciate it.

**6. Old Business**

- **2018 Budget**
  - 312 decreased and won't know until our first year with the new District, rather be more conservative
  - The last portion of the City will give us a \$500,000.00 that is going to go into Reserves and will not be part of the Operating budget.
  - Should have plenty of Reserves which we will go through in a few weeks
  - 420.7 was added for the Heart & Cancer Trust which if approved in New Business will need to be added to the budget and we have already accounted for it.

## 7. Firefighter's Forum

- Captain Sean Pearson would like to thank the community as well on behalf of all the firefighters

## 8. New Business

- **Heart & Circulatory Trust** We currently have an accident policy that encompasses the Heart and Circulatory legislative requirements that passed last year. However, there is now a Cancer trust that was added this year as a result of the legislation signed by the Governor this year . With being a part of the pool for Worker's Compensation and General Liability, it is cheaper for us to leave our current policyholder and combine the Heart, Circulatory and Cancer Trust through the SDA Pool as well. This will be a 6,000 savings while adding another benefit, the Cancer Trust which makes us compliant with the new law. The Cancer Trust is complimentary if we are currently enrolled in the Heart and Circulatory Trust. With the Board of Directors permission I would like Resolution 2017-005 to be voted on.

Joyce motioned to enter Resolution 2017-005 A resolution adopting and entering into the trust agreement for the Colorado Firefighter Heart and cancer benefits trust and taking other actions in connection therewith, Bo 2nd, unanimously approved

## 9. Public Comments:

- Dennis: is this retroactive for former volunteers? Stacey replies with it is for Career Firefighters and qualified volunteers. Dennis asks is it retroactive for former volunteers? Stacey replies with no. Chief Ridings also says this is at the State level this is not a Wescott Fire thing.

### • Adjourn

Adjourned at 7:20 pm

- Joyce makes a motion to adjourn, Rachel 2nd unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Popovich

**DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS Regular Board Meeting**  
**December 5, 2017**  
**Open Session Minutes**

**1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Called to Order at 7: pm

- **Attendance:** Bo McAllister, Greg Gent, Joyce Hartung, Harland Baker and Rachel Dunn
- **Exec Staff:** Chief Vinny Burns, Assistant Chief Scott Ridings
- **Guest Sign in Sheet:** Jennifer Kaylor, Dennis Feltz, Gary Rusnak, Bryan Ackerman

**1. Public Comments:**

- Gary: Since the Budget is not provided to the community before hand will there be a time before its approved that the public has a say in the budget. Greg said no that is correct it is a working document and unless its approved its not for the public.
- Gary: So has the Board looked at the budget? Greg replied with yes for the last couple months but we are looking at final numbers at this meeting.

**2. Administrative:**

- November Financials were presented and was motioned for acceptance by Bo 2<sup>nd</sup> by, Rachel unanimously approved.
- November Meeting Minutes were motioned for approval by Joyce 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rachel, unanimously approved, Harland Abstains due to absent last month.

**1. Chief's Report:**

- **November, December and Year End Run Report presented at January Meeting**
- Chief Burns received our official Election win and will hang in community room

**1. Old Business**

• **2018 Budget**

- New Line 310 This in the Northern Subdistrict funds only, this was through our attorney's advice even though it goes into the same account. All of the documentation have to be separate and income has to be a separate line but can deposit into the same account.
- 410.1 Underpaid admin
- 410.5 Resuming Director fees which were frozen at the end of last year
- 420.4 & 420.5 our claim run report dropped due to a claim falling off
- 430.3 To keep Overtime down we will be offering our Part-timers the vacant shifts.
- 510.53 Overtime will be added if we drop below 4 on duty or during red flag
- 520 Added Station expenses for a fully staffed Station 2
- 530.1 Expanded training back to where it was in 2016
- 621.2 Building Construction
- 620.2 Election
- 620.3 Fire Equipment
- 620.5 Vehicle
- 620.6 Legal
- 620.7 Vacation
- 620.8 Retention. We were unfortunately not able to give the staff raises this year and so we are asking for a one time payout, 16 employees

Joyce motions to approve 620.8 to payout retention in 2017, Rachel 2nd, unanimously approved

Greg reads year end reports:

Joyce motion to approve the 2018 general budget, Harland 2nd, unanimously approved

General Property District

- Appropriate sums of money
- Certification for Tax Levies
- Lease-Purchase Supplemental Schedule
- 2018 Monthly Board Meetings, Make the Northern Subdistrict the same meeting nights as the Regular Board meeting, they are

Joyce motion to approve the 2018 Northern Subdistrict budget, Rachel 2nd, unanimously approved Northern Subdistrict

- Certification for Tax Levies

Joyce makes a motion to elect Stacey as the DEO for the 2018, Harland 2nd, unanimously approved.

**3. Firefighter's Forum**

Bryan, hiring more volunteers and looks like we will be adding 3-4 more in January

**4. New Business**

**5. Public Comments:**

Dennis: May I get a copy of the meeting, the budget, and the financials? Yes

Stacey: Dennis, to follow up with the Heart and Trust, it is not retroactive

Gary: So the Retention is that from the 2017 not the 2018 budget? Chief Burns: Correct.

Gary: So are we still supporting the City? Chief Ridings: No but the funds are paid in arrears

• **Adjourn**

Adjourned at 7:40pm

- Joyce makes a motion to adjourn, Rachel 2nd unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Popovich