



Donald Wescott Fire Protection District
Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Northern Subdistrict
Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

November 27, 2023, at 4:30 pm
Location: Fire Station 1, 18650 Hwy 105, Monument, CO

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting called to order by President Gunderman, 4:35 pm.

Donald Wescott Fire Protection District (“District”) Board: X Mark Gunderman X Duane Garrett X Charles Fleece Absent: Larry Schwarz, Mike Forsythe

Donald Wescott Fire Protection Northern Subdistrict (“Subdistrict”) Board: X Mark Gunderman X Duane Garrett X Charles Fleece Absent: Larry Schwarz, Mike Forsythe

President Gunderman made a motion on behalf of both Boards to excuse the absences of Director Schwarz and Director Forsythe, with a second from Director Fleece, motion passed 3-0.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda – Treasurer Garrett made the motion on behalf of both Boards to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Director Fleece, motion passed 3-0.
3. Public Comments (3 minutes) – President Gunderman advised the Board that Secretary Schwarz is moving out of state and will no longer be serving on the Board of Directors. President Gunderman to ask for a letter of resignation to be sent to the Board of Directors. President Gunderman made the motion to appoint Director Fleece as Secretary, seconded by Treasurer Garrett, motion passed 3-0.
4. Recognition – President Gunderman thanked Local 4319, the Chief, J. Martin, and the Monument Fire Board of Directors for their support during the November 7 election. President Gunderman made a presentation to Lieutenant Roger Lance, Local 4319, for the coordination of the election campaign and for all his hard work educating the public.
5. Administrative Report(s)
 - a. September Financials. Treasurer Garrett made the motion to approve the September and October financials, with a second from Director Fleece, motion passed 3-0.
 - b. October Financials. Approved with the September financials.
 - c. October Minutes. Director Fleece made the motion to approve the October minutes, seconded by Treasurer Garrett, motion passed 3-0.
6. Old Business
 - a. November 7 Election Update:
 - i. Subdistrict Dissolution Ballot Question
 - ii. District Mill Levy Ballot Issue
 - iii. Proposition HH. Proposition HH did not pass, but Governor Polis called a special session to address.

Attorney Michelle Ferguson congratulated the Board of Directors on 6A (District mill levy ballot issue) and 6B (Subdistrict dissolution ballot question) passing.

- b. Next steps in Subdistrict dissolution and District merger process. The attorney will file the election results with the District Court and will ask the Court for an Order of Dissolution of the Northern Subdistrict that will be recorded with the County Clerk and Recorder. The dissolution will be complete as of the date and time of recording. Next year, the dissolution will be followed by the a merger of the Districts' boundaries.

7. New Business

- a. District 2024 Budget Public Hearing and Comment. Secretary Fleece made the motion to open the public hearing on the District's 2024 budget, seconded by Treasurer Garrett, motion passed 3-0.

Attorney Powell stated for the record that notice of the public hearing was duly published and posted as required by law, and the District did not receive any public comment prior to the public hearing.

There were no public comments at the public hearing.

President Gunderman made the motion to close the public hearing on the 2024 budget, seconded by Treasurer Garrett, motion passed 3-0.

- b. Resolution 2023-08. President Gunderman made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-08, A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURE FOR EACH FUND, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2024, LEVING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2024 TO HELP DEFRAID THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT, AND APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH HEREIN FOR THE DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, EL PASO , COLORADO, FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER 2024 with the amended change of removing section 4, certifying the mill levy, seconded by Treasurer Garrett, motion passed 3-0.

- c. 2024 Board of Director Meeting Schedule

MOTION: to approve the 2024 Board of Directors regular meeting Schedule to amend January through May, as monthly on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Treasurer Garrett made the motion to approve the 2024 Board of Directors Schedule to include the amended changes with a second from Director Fleece, motion passed 3-0.

8. Chief's Report (See the attached written Chief's Report)

- a. The Chief mentioned there are several homeowners petitioning the Monument Fire Board of Directors for inclusion.
- b. Thank you to Local 4319 for all their help with the education of the public for the passage of 6A and 6B.
- c. Chief Bradley, Black Forest Fire Rescue and Pikes Peak State College created the first career firefighter academy where the recruits will receive state certifications and the cadres will be from Colorado Springs Fire Department.
- d. October was fire prevention and public education month. Monument Fire participated in multiple "trunk or treat" events and provided fire safety talks to over 300 kids.
- e. The Monument Fire employees completed 770 training hours for the month of October.
- f. Monument Fire will invest \$2,500,000 in the creation of a training center on the land at fire station 1.
- g. Chief Bumgarner and two other employees leave this week to go to Idaho to inspect the Type 3 which Monument Fire will take possession of in December.
- h. Station 5 remodel will be completed in January. Once complete, crews at station 4 will move to station 5 and the remodel process for station 4 will begin.
- i. Community chipping program events ended.

9. Firefighter's Forum – no comments

10. Future Agenda Items
 - a. Schedule a special meeting for the first week in January to certify the mill levy.
 - b. Recognize the Board vacancy.

11. Adjournment – President Gunderman made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Treasurer Garrett, motion passed 3-0, 5:43.