



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

MINUTES

May 24th, 2023, at 4:30 pm
Location: Fire Station 1, 18650 Hwy 105, Monument, CO
And via Zoom meeting

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – meeting called to order by President Gunderman at 4:36 pm.

Board: X Mark Gunderman X Duane Garrett X Larry Schwarz X Charles Fleece X Mike Forsythe

2. Election of Officers – The Board of Directors made the unanimous decision to keep the officer positions the same. President Gunderman made the motion for all members of the Board of Directors to keep their same officer positions, seconded by Directory Forsythe. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Review and Approval of Agenda – Secretary Schwarz made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Treasurer Garrett. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Public Comments (3 minutes) – Dennis Feltz asked for an update regarding the proposed Gleneagle annexation to Colorado Springs. President Gunderman stated that there are no negotiations between the District and Colorado Springs concerning the proposed annexation. President Gunderman also stated that he and the Chief had a meeting with the Town of Monument to discuss any interest of the Town in annexing the area; however, no further discussions have occurred.
5. Administrative Report(s)
 - a. March Financials – presented.
Treasurer Garrett made the motion to approve the March financials with a second from Director Fleece. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b. March Regular Meeting Minutes – minutes reviewed.
 - c. April Special Meeting Minutes – minutes reviewed.
Director Forsythe made the motion to approve the March Regular Meeting Minutes and the April Special Meeting Minutes, with a second from Treasurer Garrett. Motion passed, 5-0.
6. Chief's Report – the Chief highlighted areas in the April report presented to the Board.
 - a. Monument Fire's first-ever youth camp starts next week. Camp teaches teens about life as a firefighter. RSVP to the Chief if interested in observing.
 - b. In September, Larkspur Fire is hosting a symposium for the special district board of directors. If interested, please reply to J. Martin.
 - c. Earlier this month. Monument Fire hosted a retirement ceremony for Mike Keough. Battalion Chief Mike Dooley will also retire on June 28th with a ceremony.
 - d. 2022 audit began with a plan for presentation to the District Board at July's meeting.

- e. Monument Fire hired an entry-level firefighter to attend West Metro Fire Academy in August.
- f. Local 4319 to host annual picnic this year with more details to come.
- g. Local 4319 chose two high school students to give inaugural \$1500 scholarships in School District 38.
- h. For the month of March, Monument Fire personnel participated in 813 training hours. The Chief attended live fire training on each shift and publicly thanked Black Forest Fire Protection District for hosting the training.
- i. The Monument Fire EMS division is coordinating an MCI event leading multiple agencies for a three-day exercise in June. The Chief complimented Battalion Chief Pearson and EMS Coordinator Stephanie Soll on “leading the charge.”
- j. For the month of April, Monument Fire only received four requests for mutual aid from AMR.
- k. Monument Fire Accreditation Manager Scott Ridings received First Due software training which assists with incident pre-fire planning fire inspections.
- l. Engine 514 was placed in service with the “push-in ceremony.”
- m. Monument Fire Fire Technician Carlos Amaya was hired.
- n. Community chipping began and will run every weekend through October.
- o. Monument Fire is to receive a new ambulance in 2023, with another to come in 2024.
- p. Monument Fire's capital plans include remodeling of Station 2, Station 4, and Station 5 and developing a plan to build new Station 3.
- q. Monument Fire will take delivery of a Type 3 engine this year with plans to replace the ladder truck.
- r. The Chief gave a summary of Senate Bill 303 and ballot proposition HH. Both can potentially reduce District revenue, and details are unknown. Ballot proposition HH is already being challenged in court as violating the State's single-subject and clear-title rules.

7. Old Business

- a. Update on Subdistrict Dissolution Process -Legal Counsel Emily Powell advised the Board that she submitted the Petition to the District Court for an Order for an election on the Subdistrict dissolution. The hearing is set for June 23rd. Attorney Dino Ross will represent the District. Notice of the Court hearing will be published in the newspaper. The District and Subdistrict will need to plan for the upcoming election. Emily Powell clarified that the dissolution election needs to pass before she can draft a preinclusion agreement with Monument Fire; however, once drafted, that agreement will require Monument Fire to assume liability for the District's volunteer firefighter pension fund.

8. New Business

9. Firefighter's Forum – no comments

10. Future Agenda Items

- a. 2022 Audit Presentation
- b. Approval of the 2022 Audit
- c. Review and Approve Special District Solutions proposals to assist with the District and Subdistrict 2023 elections.

11. Adjournment – Treasurer Garrett made the motion to adjourn with a second from Director Fleece. Motion passed 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.