



Wellington Fire Protection District REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Board Meeting of the Wellington Fire Protection District was called to order at 3:59 PM on January 13th, 2021, and the meeting was held in Station 16 located at 8130 3rd St., Wellington, CO 80549.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call is taken: REED, SARNO, PETTIT, STORY, PIERSON (arriving at 4:01 pm) are present

Additions/deletions to the Agenda – Consent items pulled for discussion

Conflicts of interest: None

Correspondence: None

Open for public comment:

The regular meeting was opened for public comment for items that are not on the agenda. There was no public comment.

Guests or presentations

- 2020 WFPD Incident and Social Media Report (R. Gonzales, PIO)
 - Surpassed 1000 calls for the first time (6 months 90+ calls)
 - Top post view was over 135k
 - Gained 475 followers on FB in 2020

DIRECTOR PIERSON requested a copy of the call volume breakdown.

Consent agenda

- Minutes for **December 2020 Regular Board Meeting**
- Paid bills and reference check register – **item pulled**
- Balance sheet – **item pulled**
- Year to date budget – **item pulled**

M/S PIERSON/SARNO to APPROVE the Minutes of December 2020. Roll call is taken:

<i>Reed</i>	YES
<i>Pierson</i>	YES
<i>Pettit</i>	YES



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Sarno YES
Story YES

Chief's Report

The Sumner fire investigation is complete and has been distributed.

The volunteer and reserve program was paused during COVID, and will be reopened with new criteria in 2021 with some program adjustments.

Reserve engine delivery will be delayed until the first of April. Payment will not be made until we take delivery.

The office hours are back to normal operation taking into consideration public health and safety guidelines.

Patterson property acquisition is still under negotiation

DIRECTOR PIERSON asked for clarification about walk-in protocol. Chief Green clarified there are buttons on the inside of the door that will notify dispatch and the crew of a walk in.

District Business

1. **PULLED ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION**

- *Paid bills and reference check register – **item pulled***
- *Balance sheet – **item pulled***
- *Year to date budget – **item pulled***

DIRECTOR SARNO asked for clarification about property tax receivables and why they show up in different time periods.

K. TOWNSEND clarified the collection and payable timeline from the County.

DIRECTOR STORY had a question about the donations to the District.

K. TOWNSEND clarified we only budget for what we get from PRPA, any other monies are donated from citizens.

M/S SARNO/STORY TO APPROVE THE PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. Roll call is taken:



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<i>Reed</i>	YES
<i>Pierson</i>	YES
<i>Pettit</i>	YES
<i>Sarno</i>	YES
<i>Story</i>	YES

PRESENT RESOLUTION 2021-01 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MEETING NOTICES CONSISTENT WITH HB-2019-1087 AND THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

A. MACDONALD - In August of 2019 “HB19-1087 – Local Public Meeting Notices Posted on Website” went into effect allowing Special Districts to post and designate meeting times and dates on their website. The District website is currently registered with DOLA as the designated posting location from Board action in 2019, and 2020. The Board of Directors motioned to transition to electronic posting in September of 2019. The Board adopted through motion the annual statutory posting requirements in 2020 which included the continuation of the electronic posting. Staff is recommended to formally adopting the electronic designation through Resolution to memorialize the decision of the Board.

M/S PETTIT/STORY to close the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for RESOLUTION 2021-01 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MEETING NOTICES CONSISTENT WITH HB-2019-1087 AND THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW. Roll call is taken:

<i>Reed</i>	YES
<i>Pierson</i>	YES
<i>Pettit</i>	YES
<i>Sarno</i>	YES
<i>Story</i>	YES.

2. Public Hearing for RESOLUTION 2021-01 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MEETING NOTICES CONSISTENT WITH HB-2019-1087 AND THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Christine Gaiter, 8132 4th St, Wellington, CO 80549. Ms. Gaiter found our information through the Town website and appreciates the information that is posted

M/S REED/PETTIT close the public hearing and resume the regular Board meeting at 4:41 pm. Roll call is taken:



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<i>Reed</i>	YES
<i>Pierson</i>	YES
<i>Pettit</i>	YES
<i>Sarno</i>	YES
<i>Story</i>	YES

3. Disposition for RESOLUTION 2021-01 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MEETING NOTICES CONSISTENT WITH HB-2019-1087 AND THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

M/S SARNO/PETTIT to adopt RESOLUTION 2021-01 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MEETING NOTICES CONSISTENT WITH HB-2019-1087 AND THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW. Roll call is taken:

<i>Reed</i>	YES
<i>Pierson</i>	YES
<i>Pettit</i>	YES
<i>Sarno</i>	YES
<i>Story</i>	YES

4. Adopt meeting calendar and designated posting location

A. MACDONALD - The Local Public Meeting Notices posted requirements are adopted by motion the first month of each calendar year. Staff was provided direction at the Regular Board meeting in December for the meeting calendar presented in this packet

The meeting calendar is posted on the District's website as approved through motion by the Board in September of 2019. As a courtesy, a copy has been posted at the Post Office, Wellington Town Hall, Larimer County Clerk and Recorder, and outside the WFPD Administrative Office in 2019 and 2020.

M/S PETTIT/STORY Adopt the meeting calendar and posting locations as presented. Roll call is taken:

<i>Reed</i>	YES
<i>Pierson</i>	YES
<i>Pettit</i>	YES



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Sarno YES
Story YES

PRESENT RESOLUTION 2021-02 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

M/S REED/SARNO to close the regular meeting at 4:48 PM and open the public hearing for RESOLUTION 2021-02 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

5. Public Hearing for RESOLUTION 2021-02 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Christine Gaiter (8132 4th St., Wellington, 80549) – made a statement regarding the language of the Resolutions. Specifically, eminent response issue with “eminent threat” to life the death CDC rate is 1.6% and 1.4% in Colorado. Unexpected and does not demand immediate action and does not feel the community is in a state of emergency. Asked for clarification on the powers that come from the declaration, for principle she would like to see an end date.

M/S REED/PIERSON close the public hearing and resume the Regular Board meeting for disposition of RESOLUTION 2021-02 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION.

6. Disposition for RESOLUTION 2021-02 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

CHIEF GREEN provided explanation and clarification regarding Ms. Gaiters statements. The Districts response to the pandemic has had a significant impact in response to emergencies and required dramatic changes. The District would like to keep the declaration in place to provide response for infectious control justification. Ms. Gaiter is correct that it does not provide any powers that were not already provided through the Fire Code. The District is more concerned with the infection rate moreover the mortality rate.

DIRECTOR SARNO – it is difficult to separate personal feelings from the circumstances.



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The science and data make it difficult. He does not want us in a situation where it hurts the general operating fund when the financial support should have come from the COVID funds.

DIRECTOR STORY – also having a difficult time separating personal feelings from the situation as well

DIRECTOR REED – appreciates all the effort the District has put into PPE and for creating environments that are safe for staff and the public.

DIRECTOR PETTIT – agrees with the comment of DIRECTOR REED

M/S REED/PETTIT to ADOPT RESOLUTION 2021-01 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MEETING NOTICES CONSISTENT WITH HB-2019-1087 AND THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW. Roll call is taken:

<i>Reed</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>Pierson</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>Pettit</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>Sarno</i>	<i>ABSTAIN</i>
<i>Story</i>	<i>YES</i>

Other - none

Adjournment – *DIRECTOR REED adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm*