



Wellington Fire Protection District

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The **Regular Board Meeting** of the Wellington Fire Protection District was called to order immediately following the Pension meeting at 17:50 on **September 20, 2023**. The meeting was held at **Station 16** located at 8130 3rd St, Wellington, CO 80549.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Gaiter, Lopez, Hunter (zoom), Bollinger, Meyers

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Conflicts of Interest

Correspondence

Public Comment

Any property owner, business owner, or resident of the District that would like to comment on items not listed on the agenda may be restricted to a 3-minute limit per person.

Multiple residents commented on their not agreeing with Station 17 not being staffed every day. The Chief read a letter that expressed the safety concerns of not being able to staff Station 17 but also expressed support for the Fire District and firefighters. Several commenters expressed their support for the efforts of the firefighters.

Employee Recognition

Chief Cropp recognized Firefighter Morgan, Engineer Serrato, Lt. Schneeberger, Lt. Evans, Engineer Jongasma, Engineer Soucek, Firefighter Loveridge, Lt. Delfs and Jake Saulsbery.

Guests or Presentations

Budget Presentation – David Green presented a preliminary budget draft.

Consent Agenda

- Regular Board Meeting Minutes for August 16th, 2023
Motion to accept the minutes from August 16th 2023 - Voice votes unanimous.

Chief's Report

Moved to before Public Comment. Chief Cropp gave a report on the state of the district including possible property and equipment sales, the district's non compliance with



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having a service plan in place and filed with DOLA, staffing Station 17, NFPA codes and standards, life safety of firefighters and residents.

Employee Report

District Business

1. Financial Report

David Green presented the August financial report
M/S Gaiter/Lopez Motion to accept the August financial report. Voice votes unanimous.

2. LETA Agreement

Moved in front of the Financial report.
M/S Gaiter/Lopez Motion to approve this IGA. Voice votes unanimous.

3. W-2 for Board of Directors

David Green informed the board they need to be w-2 and not 1099, having taxes withheld.

4. Discussion of Impact Fee Fund Debt

Dir. Gaiter reported on the balance of the impact fee debt and conflicting documents. David Green recommended using the independent auditors report as the source of truth. That report indicated \$32,000 owed to the impact fee fund. Dir. Gaiter made that transfer making the impact fee fund whole.

5. Union Request for Contract negotiations

Union President, Acting Lt. Elder, formally requested on behalf of the Professional firefighters union, for the district to enter into negotiations. There was some objections as to the timing, and Dir. Meyers objected to the negotiations at all. Dir. Meyers left the meeting, indicating his resignation would be forthcoming.

M/S Bollinger/Lopez Motion to enter into negotiations with the union. Voice votes unanimous.

M/S Gaiter/Lopez Motion to accept Bollinger and Lopez on the union negotiations committee. Voice votes unanimous.



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6. Insurance Bill

Moved ahead of 5. Jake Saulsbery reported on the insurance quotes the district received and the rate increase for the next enrollment year. Nora indicated the Anthem health insurance company requires autopay.

M/S Meyers/Lopez Motion to accept the health insurance quote for 2023/2024 plan year. Voice votes unanimous.

7. iHeart Media Contract

Jake Saulsbery presented the iHeart Media contract renewal.

M/S Gaiter/Lopez Motion to continue the contract with iHeart Media. Voice votes unanimous.

8. ColoTrust

Moved to number 4. David Green advised the district to move funds into Colo Trust to gain better interest rates. Dir. Gaiter commented that the district already has an account with Colo Trust. It was decided to talk to Colo Trust for more information.

9. Signing Bills and Bank Documents

Some documents became invalid with Meyers apparent resignation. Other documents to after adjournment.

Other

Dir. Gaiter gave a report of items rectified by the board and administration regarding duplicate services and charges and administration as well as the plans in effect to mitigate the increased cost after JVG resigned. Dir. Gaiter highlighted the delay of the LETA agreement as well as past due income tax bills.

Calendar Items

Next Budget Committee Meeting – September 27th, 2023, Station 16 @ 5:00pm

Next Regular Board Meeting – October 18th, 2023, Station 16 @ 5:00 PM

Adjournment

M/S Lopez/Gaiter Motion to adjourn the meeting at 20:25. Voice votes unanimous.