

**Wellington Fire Protection District**  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the Wellington Fire Protection District will be called to order at approximately 4:00 pm on July 1st, 2020 in Station 16 located at 8130 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Wellington, CO 80549. Virtual access was not provided.

**Roll Call**

*PRESENT Director Pettit, Director Pierson, Director Sarno, Director Story, Director Reed.*

**Addition/Deletion to the Agenda – none****Conflicts of Interest - none****Open for Public Comment**

No public comment

**Guests/Presentations**

- COVID19 Update

*Capt Convey provided an update on the COVID numbers and practices of the WFPD. The District received new PPE including a full Firedex suit and decon units on the apparatus. 22 PPE suits and respirators paid for by Colorado RETAC Grant. Internally we are still taking precautions with staff with temperature checks and analyzing best practices policies for staff who recently traveled.*

*Director Sarno asked about any information from the local School District.*

*R. Gonzales provided a brief update the school district meets with the County Health Dept weekly to work on a plan for the upcoming school year.*

*Capt. Convey reported there are three locations between here and Loveland to get tested for free.*

- Glade Reservoir / Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP) / US Highway 287

*Capt. Pettit provided an update as to where the NISP project is with the County and the impacts the District could be facing from the future construction of the Reservoir.*

*Director Sarno asked how much tax revenue would be lost from the development? Capt. Pettit said the impact would be minimal.*

**Consent Agenda:**

- Minutes June Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes June Special Meeting
- Check register
- Balance Sheet
- YTD Budget

*Director Sarno asked and received clarification on the offset of the roof insurance claim.*

*M/S Sarno/Pettit to APPROVE the consent agenda. Voice Vote unanimous; MOTION PASSED*

**Chief's Report**

*The PFA EMS contract was extended for another year before any changes are made and it goes out for RFP.*

*Live fire training has been at Station 17 for the last couple of weeks and Chief Hobbs oversaw the training. Chief Dority*

*received compliments from other agencies that utilized the training opportunity to compliment the work ethic and outstanding skill set that our crews displayed. This current training was able to satisfy several operations staff training requirements.*

*DIRECTOR PETTIT noted that this is a wonderful opportunity to be able to provide training for not just the District but the surrounding agencies as well.*

*The District is up 7% or 25 calls above where we were last year on call volume.*

*DIRECOTR SARNO noted that he is anticipating that call volume may increase after the September closest unit dispatching is in full force.*

*Fleet and Facilities has been transitioned to Chief Dority. CR 82 is set to close in August. Chief Dority noted that he is actively working to get the building cleaned out to get ready for closing. The training props have been moved to connex boxes at Station 17. Flatbed fleet brush truck has been sold. Big Red is listed for sale. The John Deere Tractor and implements have been sold as well.*

## **District Business**

### **1. CARES ACT Grant**

*Chief Green stated the District will be applying for COVID relief funds through DOLA. In order to complete the application, we need a letter of support from the Board to opt into the program.*

*M/S Sarno/Pettit APPROVE request to opt into the DOLA COVID 19 Relief Fund CARES ACT GRANT. Voice Vote unanimous; MOTION PASSED*

### **2. CIP**

*Chief Green briefed the Board of Directors on the minor modifications to the plan for future station locations and fleet replacement schedule changes. Funding will be determined each budget season. Having an approved plan will significantly improve grant funding and partnership opportunities.*

*DIRECTOR REED asked if Station 17 will have adequate access with the upcoming NISP project. Chief Green clarified that the current location of Station 17 will be ideal for the future development considerations. There are some dirt roads that may need to be paved. The current CIP includes remodel plans to accommodate the growth in that area.*

*DIRECTOR PIERSON stated he is not in favor of relocating Station 16 from its current location. Director Pierson is in favor of the land acquisition for future administrative or training facilities.*

*DIRECTOR SARNO was interested in finding out from R. Gonzales the impact to the District from highway type calls.*

*DIRECTOR PETTIT would like the District to not pass up an opportunity to acquire land for future District training facilities.*

*DIRECTOR REED inquired about RAM deployment for EMS response. Capt. Convey said it has been utilized however we have staffing limitations for response.*

*DIRECTOR PETTIT would like to know what the expectations are from the landowners for the acquisition of the property.*

*DIRECTOR STORY confirmed that the values being considered are fair market value and the location is ideal for future growth.*

*DISCUSSION among the Directors regarding the condition and ongoing maintenance costs of existing Station 16.*

*Chief Dority provided information to the Board about the limitations for operations staff and future fleet and the existing Station 16.*

*DIRECTOR SARNO is favorable of endorsing Chief Green to continue moving forward with negotiations and work with the current CIP.*

*DIRECTOR STORY is in favor of the current plan and moving forward with negotiations as long as we can comfortably make payments in the future and continue contributing to reserve funds.*

*DIRECTOR REED is in favor of the current plan and moving forward with negotiations.*

*DIRECTOR PIERSON is in favor with continuing the work on the CIP with the exception of future land acquisitions.*

**Other**

*DIRECTOR SARNO would like staff to revisit the policy for the Waverly community to use Station 17 for public use. DIRECTOR REED stated that they can use the bays at Station 17 but is not in favor of the public using the kitchen and living areas. Chief Green inserted the CIP includes future expansion for additional public use of the Station and can be accommodated if they have a clear point of contact for instruction for use of the bays in the summer months.*

*DIRECTOR PETTIT inquired about the private firework show at Bee Lake. Capt. Pettit gave a brief update on the complaints and potential 4<sup>th</sup> of July plans. DIRECTOR REED asked for clarification on what our enforcements actions are. Chief Green provided an overview of what is within the Districts ability to provide code enforcement relative to illegal fireworks.*

**Calendar Items to Share**

Next Regular Board Meeting will be at Station 16 in Wellington, August 5th starting at 4 PM.

Special Meeting re: Employee Benefits TBD

Fire Prevention Week - Tentative

Fall Open House - Tentative

**Executive Session - none**

**Adjournment**

*M/S Pettit/Sarno to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 18:27 pm. Voice Vote unanimous; MOTION PASSED*