

# Western Hills Fire Protection District

## Regular Meeting

### Monday, April 8, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 p.m.

2. **Attendance:**

Board Members: Bill McDonnell, Greg Johnson, Don Steinmetz Jr, Calven Goza,  
Kris Knez

Also present: Ch. Brian Kuznik, DC Jeff Stranahan  
Janice Perekrestenko

3. **Changes in Agenda:**

4. **Fire Department Report:**

- Ch. Kuznik reported on the calls for March. One call had a 28- minute response, it was initially a law call, when fire crews were on scene, the arrival time was not properly recorded.
- Budget work for 2025. A few positions (Administration support, additional firefighters) will be requested. Sales tax revenues are projected to be flat for 2025. Low likelihood of new programs being introduced for 2025. Need to develop a new strategic plan to analyze growth in the City of Greeley. (New station placement) 70 Budget requests were submitted from Fire Department.
- Recruitment process currently open through June. Lateral and Entry Level Firefighters. BC Promotional assessment, OEM recruitment is taking place, Community Educator position, a conditional offer for a Community Paramedic and advertising for Deputy Chief.
- AP Triton draft report has been received and some expectations were not met, specifically Station needs/locations. Aligned scope of services with expectations.
  - There were 37 recommendations for the Fire Department.
  - Evaluate service agreements with partners UC Health and Western Hills.
  - Is there a way to leverage WH funds to enhance service delivery? – need a deeper review of the relationship. If the Board agrees - Need to solicit an outside party to analyze for future needs. (cost estimate \$75k for study, need to know City growth plans) Need to analyze best uses of District funds.
  - A comprehensive analysis needs to be done to determine the placement of a station to provide better response times and enhance outcomes.
  - There are automatic aid agreements in place for 2024. Prior to automatic aid, there were mutual aid agreements.
  - The WH District receives a full complement of three fire engines, two ladder/rescue trucks, and two battalion chiefs as a structure fire response. Also receives benefit of Community Safety Division for plans review, oil and gas, and business inspections.

- Need to determine best use of apparatus funds currently designated in the 2024 budget. Need cost estimates of fire apparatus – engines, tenders, other types.
- Current Training Center – could expand the facility to create a Greeley Fire campus. Host regional training, training props, combine divisions/consolidate offices.
- Consider building training props, offices at Western Hills location.

Calls	2024 WH	2024 City	2023 WH	2023 City
January	58	1,565	38	1,405
February	54	1,346	37	1,315
March	64	1,372	52	1,489
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>4,283</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>4,209</b>
April			42	1,451
May			51	1,572
June			50	1,484
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>			<b>143</b>	<b>4,507</b>
July			39	1,624
August			46	1,640
September			48	1,500
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>			<b>133</b>	<b>4,764</b>
October			44	1,550
November			47	1,492
December			52	1,572
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>			<b>143</b>	<b>4,614</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>			<b>546</b>	<b>18,094</b>

5. **Minutes:** March 2024 Regular Meeting  
 Motion to accept March 2024 Minutes as presented.  
 (Knez/Goza) 5-0 Approved
  
6. **Financials:**
  - A. Bills March 2024  
 Motion to accept Bills Paid in March 2024 as presented.  
 (Johnson/Knez) 5-0 Approved
  
  - B. Statement of Changes as of March 2024  
 Motion to accept Statement of Changes as presented.  
 (Goza/Steinmetz) 5-0 Approved
  
  - C. Journal Entries for March 2024  
 Motion to accept Journal Entries for March 2024.  
 (Goza/Knez) 5-0 Approved

- D. Weld County Treasurer Report – no formal action.
  - E. Closing Checklist March 2024  
Motion to accept Closing Checklist as corrected.  
(Goza/Steinmetz) 5-0 Approved
7. **Old Business:**
- A. Apparatus and Equipment –  
Discussion during Fire Department report.
8. **New Business:**
- A. Bathroom update –  
Need to replace the toilets and install grab bars for ADA compliance.
  - B. Landscape Project – three bids received.  
Motion to accept Affordable Sprinkler’s bid (Goza/Johnson) 5-0  
Any additional work for the meadow, such as re-seeding and  
sprinkler system repair/replacement will need to be a future consideration.
  - c. Challenge coin design  
Proof approved by the Board.
9. **Oral or Written Suggestions from the Board or Taxpayers:** None
10. **Adjourn:**  
President McDonnell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**Regular Meeting(s) and Proposed Agenda Items**

Date	Time	Agenda Items
05/13/2024	5:30 p.m.	
06/10/2024	5:30 p.m.	
07/08/2024	5:30 p.m.	

Respectfully Submitted,

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Janice Perekrestenko, Recording Secretary

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William McDonnell, Board President