



PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
109 E. INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Board of Directors of The Pueblo West Metropolitan District met at 109 East Industrial Boulevard, Pueblo West, Colorado, on February 12, 2019; at the hour of 6:00 P.M. President Zupan called the Regular Meeting to order.

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. INVOCATION**
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

D. ROLL CALL

President Zupan called the roll: Director Mike French, Director Judy Leonard, Director Doug Proal, and Director Matt Smith, and President Terry Zupan were present.

Also present was Nina Vetter, District Manager; Harley Gifford, General Counsel; Laura Savage, Assistant to the District Manager; Jay-Michael Baker, Communications and Engagement Manager; Brian Caserta, Fire Chief; and 11 audience members.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Zupan motioned for the approval of the agenda. Motion was moved by Director French and seconded by Director Smith. Motion unanimously passed.

F. SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEE

Ms. Vetter noted Laura Savage received an award from the International City-County Managers Association for resolution and recognition for management and support of the Veterans Local Government Management Fellowship, and she was presented with this award at a conference last week in front of a large group of peers. Appreciation was given to Laura for all the work she has done which goes above and beyond her work duties, and noted that Laura has taken it upon herself to move this program forward. Ms. Savage noted that the program would not have been successful without the leadership of the Board of Directors who approved the Memorandum of Agreement with Fort Carson in order to host the program. Mention was made that the City of Fountain and Pueblo West Metro were the first two organizations to host the fellowship, and that Pueblo County was the first county to host the fellowship.

G. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Lew Quigley, 1225 Parkridge Drive, discussed the relationship between his taxes and public services, specifically the \$390 of that portion that belongs to the District. He expressed praise for the District's ability to accomplish given the small portion received.

Jim Maggard, 1125 W Shenandoah Dr, inquired of the possibility of consultant project copies be placed at the Pueblo West Library to improve accessibility. He noted a mill levy increase has not occurred in over 20 years and recommended the Board research and evaluate the possibility of seeking an increase.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none.

I. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director French commented that the family of past employee Greg Saweikis is asking for donations to be made to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in his memory. Therefore, he recommended any donations received for a tree in Civic Center Park should be shifted to the family's requested entity.

President Zupan encouraged all in attendance to vote for the City of Canon City to win the current Small Town contest.

J. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Director Leonard motioned for the approval of the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item J-3, seconded by Director French. Ayes: French, Leonard, Proal, Smith, Zupan. Nays: none. Abstained: none. Motion carried 5-0.

- 1. FINANCIAL REPORTS**
- 2. DISTRICT MANAGERS REPORT**
- 3. MINUTES OF JANUARY 8 AND 22, 2019 - Removed**

K. OLD BUSINESS

1. HILL RANCH UPDATE

Ms. Vetter noted Directors Leonard, Proal, and French have worked collaboratively with Chafee County to

successfully complete the project. A landowners meeting is scheduled for March 7 to review the agreement and receive feedback to ensure all measures are agreeable. Director Proal provided a brief history of the Hill Ranch purchase and revegetation, and corresponding water rights and decrees.

2. FIRE STATION 2 – SAFER GRANT

Chief Caserta reported he is preparing to submit the SAFER Grant application, which will close March 22. He expressed concern regarding the Federal government’s shutdown. However, the grant application is not effected and awards will begin within four months after the deadline until funds are depleted. The DOLA grant for Station 2 was submitted, and two subsequent requests for information have been accommodated. Chief Caserta expects to hear results in April.

3. UPDATE ON AUDIO / VISUAL BOARD ROOM EQUIPMENT AND LIVE-STREAMING TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Baker recapped the plan to update the board room’s technology and reported on technology that can split live feeds on social media platforms and store live video files. Storage technology ranges from \$4,500 for offsite storage to \$13,000 for a dedicated server. A discussion was held regarding online technology and file hosting with YouTube versus the ability to own and manage files in-house. The Board requested additional costing information. Resident Skip Tortorello expressed frustration about the facility’s current bandwidth constraints and lack of speed for live video. Mr. Baker described challenges with using a smartphone for capturing board meetings, and will return at a future meeting with additional quotes.

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. UPDATE REGARDING HB 19-1047

Mr. Gifford provided a brief description of the proposed amendment to CRS 32-1-1106 allowing fire protection districts and metropolitan districts, in a wholly unincorporated portion of a county with fire protection as a service, to ask voters to approve a self-imposed sales tax. The revenue could be used only for fire department emergency medical services. Mr. Gifford noted the District’s representatives have sponsored the bill, and that he intends to testify in support of the bill and will keep the Board abreast of its progress.

2. RESOLUTION 2019-027 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PUEBLO WEST AS A PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY

Mr. Gifford noted Colorado State University – Pueblo recently became the first Purple Heart University in Colorado, and considering there are no Purple Heart communities in southern Colorado, he recommended the Board supporting the resolution. Director French motioned for the approval of the resolution, seconded by Director Leonard. Ayes: French, Leonard, Proal, Smith, Zupan. Nays: none. Abstained: none. Motion carried 5-0.

M. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

There were none.

N. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

See Agenda for list.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Zupan motioned to move into executive session and cited item as indicated above. The motion was moved by Director French and second by Director Smith. Motion unanimously passed.

1. §24-6-402(4)(e) C.R.S., DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS AND DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS; SALE OF DISTRICT OWNED PROPERTY

P. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Zupan adjourned the meeting at 7:06 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2019 at the hour of 6:00 P.M., presently set for the meeting room of the Board of Directors, 109 East Industrial Boulevard, Pueblo West, Colorado.

Secretary

Approved 05/14/2019