



## PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

TELEPHONE: 547-2000  
OFFICE:  
109 E. INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD  
PUEBLO WEST, COLORADO

POST OFFICE BOX 7005

"WHERE EAGLES SOAR"

PUEBLO WEST, COLORADO 81007

### MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

July 7, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Pueblo West Metropolitan District met in special session at 729 E. Gold Drive, Pueblo West, Colorado, on July 7, 2010, at the hour of 6:30 o'clock p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** On roll call Board Members Chair Mike French, Director's Chuck Green, Jerry Martin, and John Lisi were present.

Also in attendance was Interim District Manager Brian Caserta, Judy Leonard, Administrative Assistant, District Firefighters, Dan Centa, Richard Werner from PEDCO, and approximately 47 citizens.

**NEW BUSINESS:** This special meeting was called to have Colonel McLaughlin, Garrison Commander from Fort Carson speak at a public meeting for interested community residents as to what is going on with our neighbor to the north. After introductions were made, Colonel McLaughlin presented a power point presentation on information of Fort Carson and their community. Colonel McLaughlin stated that the main purpose of Fort Carson is to train American sons and daughters for combat.

In his power point presentation he presented a short history of Fort Carson as to when it was first established after WWII, population of soldiers and families living on and off base, schools, and what Fort Carson resources has on base.

Colonel McLaughlin mentioned the deployment of 1200 soldiers, training vision, how to sustain training, and use Fort Carson as a premier training site. There are no plans for expansion but to use what they have. He updated everyone on a future Combat Aviation Brigade and what they hope to accomplish. Fort Carson feels with the influx of more soldiers; should this occur, that they would like to open gate 19 to the south as another access for Fort Carson. Colonel McLaughlin informed the audience that the military cannot do things that would impose issues not wanted in a community. He feels if gate 19 is opened it would draw more soldiers to Pueblo West.

Colonel McLaughlin mentioned the only expansion of Fort Carson would be to complete easements and connect them with Walker Ranch and buffer zone around Fort Carson. The only remaining area without buffer zones is on the Walker Ranch.

Questions from the audience were addressed on not having any resources available to soldiers in the Pueblo West community living here, using local contractors and how that works working with Fort Carson, influx of military families and how that would affect the quality of life in Pueblo West, where to go for resources on housing availability in the area, and outreach to the Pueblo West community and not just focus on Colorado Springs.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Chair French, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2010, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., presently set for the meeting room of the Board of Directors, 109 East Industrial Boulevard, Pueblo West, Colorado.