

NOTICE OF THE
NORWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2025 – 6 PM

6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

6:02 PM APPROVAL OF AUGUST '25 MINUTES

6:10 PM FINANCIAL REPORT

- Current Budget Review
- DRAFT – 2026 Budget Review

6:30 PM PUBLIC WALK-IN/COMMENTS

6:35 PM OLD BUSINESS

- Auxiliary Station – Sanborn
- Four Seasons Update
- CWPP
- 2024 Audit

6:50 PM NEW BUSINESS

- EMS/Fire Totals
- Grants Update
- Insurances Increase-ALL
- New Hires

7:20PM CHIEF'S REPORT

7:30PM OPERATIONS CHIEF's REPORT

7:40PM EMS CHIEF's REPORT

7:50 PM ADJOURN

Norwood Fire Protection District
Board of Director Minutes August 20th, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Vivian Antonik, Wendy Crank, Zach Dixon, Tarran Richardson
Absent: Jim Wells

Department Members Present: John Bockrath (Zoom), Trago Staats

➤ **1804 Call to order**

➤ **1806 Approval of Minutes**

Motioned, 2nd, all in favor

➤ **1809 Financial Report**

- Monthly Budget Review, questions answered.
- John will send out Budget Line-Item Explanation Sheet
- 2026 Preliminary Budget Due in September

➤ **1820 Public Walk-In / Comments**

- none

➤ **1821 Old Business**

- Auxiliary Station - Sanborn
 - Variance very slow. Building will not be done until next year (2026).
 - Four Seasons meeting with west End entities on September 11th to discuss increased traffic, EMS and Fire responses.
- CWPP – Citizens Wildfire Protection Plan update
 - John convinced CWPP planning staff that Fitz subdivision was a target hazard. John discussed different demographics in West End with fewer condensed subdivisions, but life safety is just as important as the East end.

- John will begin advertising for a wildland Engine Boss on September 1st. He wants the current wildland boys to go National and replace them at home with more HS kids.
- John has a lot of training coming up with EMR, West End schools, Norwood schools and Fire Academy.
- New state law states "All Town or District Fire Marshalls must sit on the Town Planning and Zoning Commission". John attended the first meeting and will be attending all future meetings.

➤ **1820 New Business**

- 39 calls, 13 fires, 26 EMS, 17 transports
- Audit – We, the District, has to have a yearly audit performed by an outside accounting firm. Ours is currently being completed by Blair and Assoc. They have asked John for help with items they can find. John has a list to complete ASAP.
- Work-Study students – we have three students that will be here for two hours per day learning EMS and firefighting. They will be taking the EMR class to start and the fire academy this Winter. They will also be helping around the station with chores and assisting with calls when needed.
- John needs to start working on 2026 budget for next year. Mills need to be certified, work comp figures, heart-lung-cancer figures for all employees (now required by the State), and property liability insurance increase.

➤ **1825 Chief's Report**

- CWPP – John reiterated:
 - Survey is to lower risk ratings, but probably won't change much
- Meeting with contractor for the 4 Seasons
 - Building in Mountain Village and Telluride and hiring from out of the area
- Lack of National Wildland Team due to Lack of Engine Boss

- Wildland team is local this year. Thanks to the Mill Levy, we have had the personnel available to contain and extinguish all initial fire starts we have had this year and assist Nucla/Naturita with theirs.
- John will hold another Career Day at the school in October. Goal is to replace the current wildland team with students. That way, we can have both home protection and National.
- The end of the year, John has a lot of planning meetings with both Counties, BLM, Forest service and DFPC.

➤ **1830 Operations Chief's Report**

- Just returned from a structure fire. It appears to have started by a bathroom ceiling fan. Trago kept it for John to investigate. Had mutual aid from Nucla and Telluride. A lot of work and a lot of heat exhaustion among the responders. Everyone did a great job, the structure was saved and no one was seriously injured.
- POC's-doing very well
- Organizing apparatus and getting rid of unnecessary items on all the engines.
- Waterline in Redvale-still broken, waiting for Cody to bring his excavator to dig up line.

➤ **1843 EMS Chief's Report**

- Not in attendance, getting things restocked after fire.

➤ **1858 Meeting Adjourned**

Motioned, 2nd, all in favor



Budget Line-Item Changes

OUTSIDE CONTRACTORS:

EMS Billing service
Oxygen Supplier
EMS Physician Advisor
Patient Care Reporting

SOFTWARE

Adobe
Google
Microsoft
Zoom
AccessiBe

OPERATING EXPENSE:

Run Pay
Tender 4 lease Payment

VEHICLE EXPENSE:

Bulk Fuel
Wildland Fuel

PROFESSIONAL FEES

Legal & Accounting
Bookkeeping
Payroll

LICENSES

Dues & Subscriptions
Special District Association
EMS