

**NOTICE OF THE
NORWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE17TH, 2026 – 6 PM**

6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

6:02 PM APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

6:05 PM FINANCIAL REPORT

- June Budget Review

6:15 PM PUBLIC WALK-IN/COMMENTS - Sheriff

6:30 PM OLD BUSINESS

- Grants Received/Working
- Co-Op Wildland
- Redvale Station Build-out
- Mobile Water Resources

6:45 PM NEW BUSINESS

- EMS/Fire Totals
- Vivian Resignation and New BOD Member Approval
- Vehicle Repairs/Situations
- FLSA Requirements
- State Administrator Meeting

7:00PM CHIEF'S REPORT

7:10PM OPERATIONS CHIEF's REPORT

7:20PM EMS CHIEF's REPORT

7:30PM ADJOURNE

Norwood Fire Protection District
Board of Director Minutes June 17th, 2026

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

ABSENT: Jim Wells

Department Members Present: John Bockrath, Trago Staats, Heather King

➤ **1801 Call to order**

➤ **1802 Approval of Minutes**

Motioned, 2nd, all in favor

➤ **1804 Financial Report**

- Current budget review; no comments.

➤ **1810 Public Walk-In / Comments**

- None

➤ **1811 Old Business**

- John discussed grants he is currently working on and received. Biggest grants are AFG (all for firefighter's grant) which he is submitting for new SCBA's at a cost of \$340,000.
- Co-Op Wildland Update: We will not be using the Wildland cooperative out of Arizona. He lost his funding and John hadn't heard a word from him. John did have his reservations about him from the start.
- John is working on Redvale station build-out. He is working on facility improvement grants to accomplish this. He would like to have living quarters, more vehicle space and a training center.
- Four Conex water boxes each with 20,000 gallons of water for wildland fire suppression have been placed throughout the district. Two more will be placed shortly. John was asked by USWFS in Utah if they could utilize these in an emergency; yes, all cooperating agencies have access.

➤ **1825 New Business**

- EMS/Fire totals 24 Total calls, 7 fire, 17 EMS with 7 transports.
- E5's rear discharge broke and failed the annual pump test. Repair facility is in Fort Collins; however, they will send a technician in the middle of July. With the cost of gas, paying two people, gas and time the rig will be OOS, it's cheaper to have a tech come to us. E8's pump failed the pressure test, but still pumps fine, no need for repair at this time.
- FLSA Requirements and compliance: Since we now have five FT employees, we MUST follow FLSA rules. We MUST start tracking sick time, vacation time (John did this before) and OT. Unfortunately, with a 48/96 schedule, we cannot afford the OT or comp-time. Any hours worked over 1600/YR must be compensated. So, we are moving to a 24/72 hour shift. On a 28 day work cycle, we will not have to pay OT. FF/EMT's will still get eight Kelly days (required time-off) on top of vacation and sick days. John is working with our payroll company to calculate this on the paystub. Also, we MUST allow FT employees to accumulate 240 hours of sick time (if not used) and 180 hours of comp-time. All of this will need to be calculated into the budgets from here on out.
- John will be attending a State administrator meeting in Durango at the end of the month for updates on SDA, DOLA, FLSA and Wildland pay.

➤ **1852 Chief's Report**

- All students in the fire academy passed their written exam the first time! Now they will have their practical testing on July 28th in Placerville by State instructors. John is working on getting a Hazmat class set up to complete the FF1 process. John will have a couple of practice practical's prior to the State practical.

- John will be holding an EMR class for the cadets and a couple of our PT employees starting in July. The class will be two nights per week and run for six weeks. After that is complete, John will hold an IV certification class for the new EMT's.
- D/C Staats passed his final exam for his AEMT class and will be testing for the National exam.
- New school project broke ground. However, no one from the school has reached out to the fire district about their construction plans. Approximate 150 workers will be traveling to and from Norwood on a daily basis for the next 18 months. Also, Four Seasons workers are now occupying the Rimrock and Camp V. Total for that is an additional 135 workers traveling through our District twice per day.

➤ **1900 Operations Chief's Report**

- Trago has the wildland schedule set for the Summer.
- E5 is now a big "toolbox" due to the discharge port failure. It will still respond to water rescue, vehicle extrication and fires for transportation and equipment.
- New brush truck is up and running> ready for local and National deployment
- Trago has updated all the wildland equipment. He was awarded a grant from Black Hills for \$2,500 that is going for equipment that needs to be replaced.
- Trago told the BOD that Luke Wright's, our wildland coordinator, will not be here much, if at all, this Summer. His wife just had a baby and they found a cancerous growth in her abdomen that will need to be removed. He will try to handle the position.
- Trago is now working on getting the Tender ready for possible deployment. He is also trying to find room for everything! Equipment, rigs and people! We're running out of space!

➤ **1910 EMS Chief's Report**

- Ambulance inventories have been updated but continue to reviewed.
- Heather is working with WRETAC on a Pulsara system for our ambulances. Satellite system for constant communications with MRH. Could even have Telehealth attached. Heather found out this is actually a free service.
- Heather signed up for a Community Healthcare paramedic program through Columbia Southern. She will work with UMC, our medical and DCAD for details on starting our program.
- Heather presented the Wildland ambulance in Placerville for inspection. We had the ONLY ambulance that was ready for deployment. We will deploy within the State first to work out any "bugs". Hopefully we get a Paramedic from the group to take a roll on a fire.
- A1 was in an accident with a deer on the way to the hospital. She commended Coulter Shumway for his quick actions as the driver. Instead of swerving and going into the canyon, he hit the deer head on and probably saved some lives. However, the ambulance will need a new bumper and brush guard. Heather is looking into a full steel bumper and guard.

➤ **1915 Meeting Adjourned**

Motioned, 2nd, all in favor