

NOTICE OF THE
NORWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 2026 – 6 PM

6:00 PM **CALL TO ORDER**

6:02 PM **APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES**

6:05 PM **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- February Budget Review
- Budget Deficit Confirmed

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

6:20 PM **OLD BUSINESS**

- CWPP - BBQ
- Grants
- Employee/POC Update
- Fire Academy
- Finance Change – Brush Truck

6:30 PM **NEW BUSINESS**

- EMS/Fire Totals
- Code Conference
- S130/190 Class – March 16th
- Possible Loss of Property Tax Funding

6:45PM **CHIEF'S REPORT**

7:00PM **OPERATIONS CHIEF's REPORT**

7:15PM **EMS CHIEF's REPORT**

7:30PM **ADJOURNE**

Norwood Fire Protection District
Board of Director Minutes JANUARY 21ST, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Vivian Antonik, Wendy Crank, Zach Dixson, Tarran Richardson
Zoom: 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**
 - Last years budget was \$100,000 short due to paradox Oil and Gas declaring bankruptcy. Our accountant/bookkeeper caught this and passed it on to the County Clerk and Treasurer. John will be having a meeting to discuss what the impacts may be this year. We may be \$143,000 short.
 - Final review of 2026 budget
 - Current budget review.
- **1820 Public Walk-In / Comments**
 - None
- **1821 Old Business**
 - 27 calls, 3 fire, 24 EMS, 16 transports
 - CWPP is nearing the end. All information has been given to the CWPP team and is being uploaded for public view. A public introduction will be held on Sunday, February 28th, 4 PM at the Livery. The department will cook and serve the food. Food is being purchased by the Telluride Foundation. Please attend if you are able and pass the information on to other residents of the district. Not only will the CWPP be presented, but there will be an introduction to the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code and a question and answer session.

- John is continuing to work on Grants. Due to property tax shortfall, he will still be working on facility improvement grants, but also other grants to make up for the loss of revenue. DC Staats and Luke Reitz are also working on grants to help.
 - New employees doing well, DC Staats will have more information.
 - Fire academy has started and going well. There are 23 total, including the HS kids. Four from Nucla, one from Telluride and 18 from Norwood.
 - 2026 will concentrate on making up the property tax deficit with more grants, hopefully, and cutting the budget where we can. Also, getting all our new employees certified as FFI and EMT's. IV and ECK certification classes will be held after everyone completes and passes EMT class.

➤ **1830 New Business**

- EMS/Fire totals given
John will be conducting fire inspections of all businesses, hopefully beginning March 1st. Inspections will be conducted with FT personnel with the goal that they will take this over every six months
 - John would like to attend the Building Code Conference in March. Really only needs the first day, they will be discussing the new Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code that goes into effect April 1st. Local fire marshals will be responsible for enforcing this Code as of July 1st. John wants to know what penalties will be imposed if we can't enforce.
 - Resolution passed unanimously for the lease purchase of a new brush truck, purchase price of \$175,000. First payment is not due until February 2027. John will on a USDA grant to hopefully pay for 80%.

➤ **1842 Chief's Report**

- John has one house to burn for fire academy and may possibly acquire a second
- John is also working on a Saturday at the Montrose burn tower for academy
- John started the LNTB (Learn Not To Burn) program the second semester for the second grade. Monthly class on fire safety. At end of school, kids come to firehouse for tour and spray water.
- John is very busy with meetings between Montrose and San Miguel Counties
- New school project underway. John will be reviewing and approving sprinkler and fire alarm system for school.
- New school will begin June 1st with approximately 150 workers coming in and out of town twice a day. As well as the Four Seasons employees (145) traveling through the district twice a day as well. Preparing for a busy Summer with this and wild fires.

➤ **1852 Operations Chief's Report**

- POC's-doing very well; will be scheduling 2 POC's per week; none in February to help with budget.
- E8 is still out of service in Fort Collins. Trago heard from them and the mechanical issues have been fixed; all pump seals are currently being replaced. Trago will get on them to get it back since T4 is having an issue with over heating.
- New brush truck is needed due to E7 having 450,000 miles on it and numerous repairs. Trago is preparing for a very busy wildfire season. He is working with Eric Farr and Luke Rietz on the upcoming S130/190 class to be held here.
- Trago is very involved with helping to coordinate the funeral in Nucla for DC Starks who died of cancer. The IAFF will be doing a FF funeral in Nucla on Saturday, January 31st.

➤ **1900 EMS Chief's Report**

- Heather said refurbished cardiac monitor has arrived and is in the Command vehicle that she shares with Trago.
- Ambulance inventories are being updated again with the help of FF Donnellon. Donnellon will be putting everything on Google Documents so people can look the inventories up on their cell phones.
- Heather is working with WRETAC on a Pulsara system for our ambulances. Satellite system for constant communications with MRH. Could even have Telehealth attached. Hoping WRETAC will pay for the system.
- Heather is also trying to navigate extra ride time with Montrose Fire to keep up her skills.
- Still working on Community paramedicine program waiting to hear from UMC for financial assistance since they will be benefitting from it.

➤ **1910 Meeting Adjourned**

Motioned, 2nd, all in favor

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Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L - FY26 P&L

January - December 2026

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income		
5000 Income		
4000 Grants	6,444.84	
5010 Ambulance Run Income	5,764.11	
5100 Administration	50.00	
5101 Interest/Dividend Income	294.91	
5105 Donations/Contribution	500.00	
5202 Contracts for Service	600.00	70,000.00
Total 5000 Income	13,653.86	70,000.00
5700 County Tax Distribution		
5701 General Property Tax	1,716.23	1,099,603.00
5703 Tax Interest Total		
5704 Specific Ownership Tax	5,182.91	32,988.00
5709 Less Treasurers Fees	-51.49	-26,000.00
Total 5700 County Tax Distribution	6,847.65	1,106,591.00
Total Income	\$20,501.51	\$1,176,591.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$20,501.51	\$1,176,591.00
Expenses		
6000 Personnel Expenses		642,156.00
6100 Payroll	64,687.35	
6117 Payroll Taxes	3,356.88	
6119 FPPA District Match	4,251.96	
6121 D&D District Match	773.04	
6123 EMS Pension	2,250.00	
6150 Health Care Premiums	15,143.22	
6600 Pension Expenses		49,200.00
Total 6000 Personnel Expenses	90,462.45	691,356.00
6300 Fire Fighting Expenses		80,000.00
6205 Medical Supplies	646.22	
Total 6300 Fire Fighting Expenses	646.22	80,000.00
6500 Community		3,000.00
7030 Fuel & Oil	942.02	16,000.00
7040 Maintenance & Repairs	2,673.60	20,000.00
7050 Utilities		14,000.00
7051 Gas & Electric	708.00	
7052 Telephone/TV/Internet	2,405.66	
7053 Trash Removal/Pest Control	189.63	
Total 7050 Utilities	3,303.29	14,000.00
7090 Travel, Meals, Lodging		5,000.00
7092 EMS Meal	91.20	
Total 7090 Travel, Meals, Lodging	91.20	5,000.00
7110 Insurance and Bonding		75,000.00

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Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L - FY26 P&L

January - December 2026

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
6140 Work Comp Insurance	20,176.00	
7111 Administrative	37,738.00	
Total 7110 Insurance and Bonding	57,914.00	75,000.00
8000 Training & Education		12,000.00
6310 Fitness/Wellness	836.00	
8001 Training	1,136.48	
8006 Training Meals/Food	377.75	
Total 8000 Training & Education	2,350.23	12,000.00
8010 General & Administrative Expenses		80,000.00
6201 Billing Service	34.31	
8011 Administrative/Station Supplies	709.12	
8016 Bank and Credit Card Charges	24.45	
8080 Legal & Accounting	2,934.13	
8165 Dues & Subscriptions	2,339.98	
Total 8010 General & Administrative Expenses	6,041.99	80,000.00
9020 Equipment & Vehicles	120.52	50,000.00
9200 3% Contingency Expense		35,298.00
9300 Fire	561.22	
Total Expenses	\$165,106.74	\$1,081,654.00
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$-144,605.23	\$94,937.00
Other Expenses		
9900 Debt Service		31,417.63
Total Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$31,417.63
NET OTHER INCOME	\$0.00	\$-31,417.63
NET INCOME	\$-144,605.23	\$63,519.37