

The meeting adjourned at 3:21 pm.

The next district meeting is scheduled

for July 16 at Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. Meetings are usually on the third Tuesday of each month. For informa-

tion, call Executive Administrator Stacey Popovich at 488-8680 or see www.wescottfire.org.

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Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District, June 26

Joint Fleet Maintenance Facility proposed; board president Shirk announces his retirement

By Natalie Barszcz

At the TLMFPD board meeting June 26, a future Joint Fleet Maintenance Facility was discussed. Monument Chief of Police Jake Shirk, who is the TLMFPD Board President, confirmed his retirement plans and said he will be moving out of the state.

Director Jason Buckingham was excused.

Joint Fleet Maintenance Facility

Chief Chris Truty informed the board of the Town of Monument's plan to de-

velop a new Public Works facility near the intersection of Mitchell Avenue and Synthes Drive. A portion of the proposed new facility would include a new fleet maintenance section with several garage bays reserved exclusively for TLMFPD with trained mechanics capable of maintaining a variety of vehicles. The town in its planning process has asked TLMFPD to consider joint participation in the venture. Truty reminded the board to consider the following:

- Fleet maintenance is a large expense.

- Repairs are a lengthy process for TLMFPD due to the proximity of repair facilities in Colorado Springs and Denver.
- Emergency Services Consulting International's master plan recommended the creation of a regional fleet maintenance facility. The board voted 5-0-1 to direct the chief to pursue discussions with the Town of Monument for the purposes

of participating in a joint fleet maintenance facility.

Public Works Director/TLMFPD Board Director Tom Tharnish recused himself from the discussion due to conflict of interest. He is the Public Works director for the Town of Monument.

Board president Shirk announces his plans

Shirk announced that he has officially retired from law enforcement after 44

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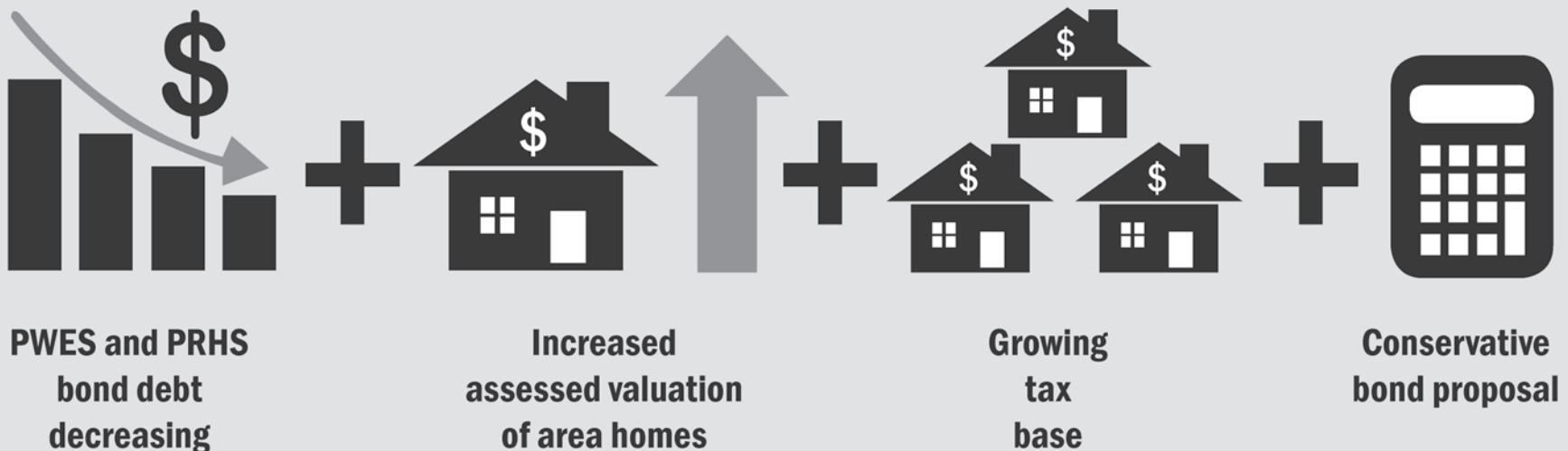
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