

has the district operating with 19 staff members per shift, the minimum would be 14 per shift, but it is not enough. The district is looking at staffing needs for the next three to five years and will be looking at a more robust model.

- Facilities will need to be upgraded over time, but additional staff will be the greater cost.
- The pressure on staffing is an immediate and a long-term problem, and it may be that staff members seek openings closer to home to avoid long commutes.

Kovacs said as part of the strategic plan, the district facilities and the long-term personnel needs will be discussed with the board over the next two months. The district will receive more revenue in the future due to all the construction, said Kovacs.

**Financial report**

Buckingham presented the March financials and said the overall revenue received year to date was about \$5 million, representing approximately 39.3% of the projected 2022 budget that is set at \$12.96 million. The overall expenses year to date are about \$2.273 million, which is about 22.4% of the projected 2022 total expense budget, set at \$10.164 million.

Hildebrandt asked how the budget will be reported when the full-service contract is approved after July 1 and said he assumes both districts' budgets would be parallel to each other.

Kovacs said the following:

- The district will essentially keep the lights on with DWFPD, and it will have a skeleton budget to pay for insurance for the board members, the audit, legal fees, and the TABOR reserves.
- The remaining revenue from DWFPD will be blended into the TLMFPD revenue profit and loss statements.
- Both districts will still allocate the budgeted funds as earmarked for certain expenses this year, even though TLMFPD will receive the additional revenue, and the district will ensure items are funded from the respective budgets.
- Each district will require amendments to their respective budgets this year.
- Property tax revenue, Specific Ownership Tax, ambulance fees, and wages and benefits will be reflected in the financial reports separately for the first year.
- DWFPD does not collect impact fees.

Hildebrandt and Director Terri Hayes agreed that keeping the financial statements separate for the first year will allow the district to compare revenue and expenses and keep the financial tracking easier for Buckingham.

The board accepted the financial reports as presented at both meetings, 6-0.

**Impact fees**

Hayes asked if any further development regarding impact fees had occurred.

Kovacs said that no further conversations had occurred with the district, and he was not aware of any other

fire department engaging in a conversation regarding impact fees. It has been a backburner issue over the past few months for the district.

Hayes said everything is building so fast that by the time an agreement is reached, it will be too late.

Kovacs said the district will re-engage in the conversation regarding impact fees.

**Note:** The district does not receive impact fees for new construction in the unincorporated areas of the district. Lance said the growth will increase the district's responsibility significantly.

Division Chief of Administration/Fire Marshal Jamey Bumgarner said that 18 construction projects are currently in various phases of development within the district, and the accreditation process Battalion Chief Scott Ridings is working on will help indicate the future needs of the district. The district will have "a big life hazard increase" with the addition of about 900 multi-family residences, but fire hydrants will be included where the district has growth, with no want for water pressure. It will remain that way in the Town of Monument and the Triview Metropolitan District areas, said Bumgarner. Saldino stated that Bumgarner did an "excellent job" representing the district and giving the best wildland fire presentation of the day at an event they both attended in Colorado Springs.

**Chief's report for March**

Kovacs said the following:

- Firefighter/paramedic Nate Boyce secured a grant for \$16,000 from the Colorado Division of Fire and Control for 11 respirators that will provide protection for staff members from COVID-19 and other airborne viruses.
- EMS calls in March were down from the beginning of the year, but calls are trending as expected at 700 calls year to date, up 23% from the same time in 2021, and ambulance revenue is up 19%.
- "Hats off" to the firefighters for completing 1,022 training hours, double the required amount.
- The Wildland Type 3 engine will not be delivered until summer 2023 due to a supply chain delay in the fabrication of the chassis.
- The district had an informal meet and greet with a Denver-based architectural firm to discuss a site plan for the Station 1 Training Center.
- The district is planning a "ribbon cutting" ceremony in May on the completion of the re-model at Station 1. For details, visit [www.tlmfire.org](http://www.tlmfire.org).

**Note:** The combined district boards continue to meet separately, however the boards receive the same chief's report with some additional updates. See the DWFPD article on page 10.

**Executive session**

At 7:31 p.m., the board moved into executive session with district attorney Maureen Juran of Widner Juran LLP, pursuant to CRS §24-6-402(4)(e) to determine positions related to matters that may be subject to negotiations, to develop strategy for negotiations, and instruct negotiators regarding a draft IGA with DWFPD. After the

meeting, Kovacs confirmed that no decisions were made or approved when the board returned to the regular session at 8:14 p.m.

The March 30 meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The April 27 meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Meetings are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m. at TLMFPD Station 1, 18650 Highway 105. For Zoom meeting instructions, agendas, minutes, and updates, visit [www.tlmfire.org](http://www.tlmfire.org) or contact Director of Administration Jennifer Martin at 719-484-9011.

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**Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, April 21**

**Board approves supplemental water;  
Deer Creek Road to be closed**

By James Howald

The Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) considered a supplemental water agreement for Monument Junction at its April 21 meeting. It heard an update on the upcoming board election. Finally, the board heard operational reports.

Deer Creek Road between Woodmoor Drive and Monument Hill Road will be closed for a week starting May 9 to allow for the installation of a pipeline to the Central Water Treatment Plant (CWTP).

**Monument Junction buys supplemental water**

District Manager Jessie Shaffer reminded the board that it had agreed to provide supplemental water for both Monument Junction developments in October 2021. Elite Properties, the developer, is now offering to purchase supplemental water for the residences to be built to the east of Jackson Creek Parkway (JCP). Shaffer said when supplemental water is requested, the developer typically starts by paying for an option to purchase the water later, but Elite Properties was offering to complete the transaction immediately. Shaffer asked the board to authorize him to sign the agreement with Elite Properties.

District Engineer Ariel Hacker explained that the residential development to the east of JCP would have three phases: first, the construction of 17 acres of single-family residences, then multi-family residences in a "foursquare" configuration, and finally a mix of both types.

Board President Brian Bush noted that the price the

district charges for supplemental water had not been raised for some time, and asked Shaffer if it was priced correctly. Shaffer said he assessed WWSD's price annually and it was comparable to but a bit lower than similar districts.

Bush said Elite Properties would pay \$1.6 million per year for the supplemental water requested and about \$6 million in one-time tap fees for the residences east of JCP.

The board voted unanimously to allow Shaffer to sign the agreement.

**Board election canceled;  
Town to replace Wyss**

WWSD attorney Erin Smith told the board that last month there had been four candidates for three available seats on the board. Barrie Town, one of the candidates, withdrew his name, eliminating the need for an election. She congratulated Daniel Beley, William Clewe, and Tom Roddam for being elected by acclamation. Beley, Clewe and Roddam, all incumbents, will serve three-year terms, Smith said.

Bush said Jim Wyss, also an incumbent, had submitted his resignation, and at the May 9 meeting the board would appoint Town to serve in Wyss's place. Bush thanked Wyss for his service to the district and for saving the district's customers the \$25,000 that holding an election would have cost.

**Highlights of operational reports**

- Operations Manager Dan LaFontaine told the board that a water main had burst while being



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