

Stephens asked her to quantify the negative impacts. She responded there have only been anecdotal issues. There were no official measurements or study by staff to identify peak hours or specific issues.

Monument Police Chief Sean Hemingway said peak hours for calls for service are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., especially on weekends and holidays. Hemingway said that when officers responded to complaints, they were usually unfounded, and the lake uses were consistent with town rules. He said the only consistent issue police find is double parking or congestion near the boat ramp.

Trustee Darcy Schoening was in favor of closing the lake to small business altogether and

allowing only residents to use the water, but Trustee Mitch LaKind disagreed, saying he would like to have a set criterion if there is a lottery system or if the board will need to review proposals.

The discussion was left simply for the staff to bring hard data to the next meeting.

Newly sworn in Trustee Ramos asked during board discussions if there is anything the board can do other than wait for staff to do more research and present it during the June meeting, suggesting a temporary permitting option. Town Manager Mike Foreman struck that down, saying it didn't follow the existing ordinance. Special event permitting was also not an option.

Malmborg said later a re-

quest for a business permit to teach yoga classes in Limbach Park has yet to be approved or denied.

Grant would pay for school resource officer positions

Hemingway asked the board to approve a request to apply for a Department of Justice (DOJ) Grant—Cops Hiring Program 2022. The financial request would total \$250,000, for which the town would put in 25% or \$62,500 with the rest being matched by DOJ. Grant money would be used to create two new school resource officer positions, and funding is paid to the town for three consecutive years.

The request was unanimously approved.

New trustee sworn in

Ramos and Sandy Waresak introduced themselves to the board during the May 2 meeting. Ramos said he was excited about the potential to be on the board, noting it could be a wonderful way to serve his community. Both candidates were there to take the seat recently vacated by Laurie Clark. The board nominated Ramos unanimously.

The board went into executive session at 8:48 pm pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a), (4)(b), and (4)(e) to Obtain Legal Advice regarding the Acquisition of a Fee Interest in Real Property at the southeast corner of Second Street and Beacon Lite Road for a water well project. Secondly, the executive session was to cover legal advice for the acqui-

sition of a temporary construction and a subsurface waterline easement at 18255 Davidson St. *****

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Donald Wescott Fire Protection District, May 17

Director positions determined; intergovernmental agreement near

By Natalie Barszcz

At the Donald Wescott Fire Protection District (DWFPD) meeting on May 17, the board elected two board directors and held two executive sessions to discuss an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for the provision of emergency services with Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District (TLMFPD), and to receive advice regarding the disposition of real property.

Board officer positions determined

Chairman Mark Gunderman asked district counsel Emily Powell if the board needed to change the names of the board positions.

Powell said that the board did not need a vice position, and anyone can chair any given meeting. The Special District Act uses the term "president" and anyone could be the acting chair in the absence of the board president, but typically the board secretary would step in, said Powell.

Secretary Larry Schwarz thanked Gunderman for all his hard work and requested that he continue as board president, and the current roles remain the

same.

Treasurer Duane Garrett and Directors Charles Fleece and Mike Forsythe concurred with Schwarz.

The board unanimously approved the nominations as follows: Gunderman as president, Schwarz as secretary and Garrett as treasurer.

Administrative Assistant Stacey Popovich confirmed before the meeting that to meet state requirements, Directors Gunderman and Forsythe were administered the oath of office on May 6 at the district administration offices.

Executive session—unification

The board moved into executive session at 4:14 p.m., pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e) to receive advice of legal counsel and to discuss matters subject to negotiations regarding the IGA for the provision of emergency services with TLMFPD. When the board returned to the regular meeting at 4:45 p.m., no action was taken.

Unification process update

After the executive session,

Powell said the following:

- DWFPD had been working hard with TLMFPD to negotiate an IGA for the provision of emergency services, by which DWFPD will transfer most of its physical assets and its personnel to TLMFPD.
- TLMFPD will then be responsible for providing all emergency services within both parties' jurisdictions.
- The negotiations continue to advance really well, and legally both district attorneys are on the same page.
- The next step is to present the IGA to both boards to make sure they are both on the same page.
- There are a couple of outstanding issues, such as the transfer of employee benefits and the date to transfer personnel. The original transfer of personnel was set to happen on Jan. 1, 2023, but that has proven to be administratively challenging, and there is a desire to move the transfer date up substantially, to Aug. 1 or Sept. 1, 2022.

Gunderman in response said:

- The board position is all for

moving the date up to get things done sooner, but the board is concerned that we are being date driven, although I don't think that is happening.

- The board is responsible for ensuring the DWFPD personnel have everything they need by whatever date we pick.
- The board feels more comfortable with Sept. 1 to allow Powell enough time to ensure every "I" will be dotted and every "T" is crossed.
- If anything happens and personnel are left without benefits that is on the board, and I am not willing to trade 30 days' time for that.
- The board direction is for Powell to pursue the transfer on Sep. 1.

Powell said she would work with Kovacs and TLMFPD attorney Maureen Juran to ensure that all the correct steps are taken and all the documents are drafted.

Kovacs said on behalf of the staff we are prepared to go, and he is confident that the Sept. 1 date can be met, making sure that the employees are taken care of during the process.

Gunderman said, "It is no reflection on TLMFPD and the admin staff, and personally it is unchartered waters, but at the end of the day there is an obligation to the Wescott folks, and the extra 30 days will help him sleep better at night."

"We are really close," said Powell.

Common broker of record

Powell said a conversation about a common broker of record for employee benefits had occurred. The transfer of benefits would need to occur on the same day that the benefits cease at DWFPD, and then the employees would need to be enrolled in the TLMFPD benefit plans on that day. It is a very carefully coordinated dance that needs to occur on the same day as the transfer of employees. A common broker of record for both districts will need to work closely with Kovacs and the districts' attorneys to ensure everything is coordinated without gaps in coverage, said Powell.

Gunderman recommended that Powell be involved in the discussion with the broker of record, and a special meeting be called for the board to sign the broker of record.

Audit extension

Kovacs said that due to the auditor's scheduling, the auditor had requested a 30-day extension of the 2021 audited financial statements.

Powell said it was routine, and the district was entitled to a 60-day extension as a matter of course.

The board approved the extension, 5-0.

Chief's report

Fire Chief Andy Kovacs highlighted some of the combined district monthly activity report for April, and noted the following:

- The district hosted and attended a Wildfire Preparedness meeting at Palmer Ridge High School on April 2, and over 75 residents attended, which was a "good showing."
- The district is officially registered with the Center for Public Safety Excellence, which is the first step in the accreditation process.
- The district is evaluating

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 Wednesday Evenings at Limbach Park
 June 8-August 17, 2022

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JUNE 8	7pm	Ashtönz
JUNE 15	7pm	Mosquito Pass
JUNE 22	7pm	WireWood Station
JUNE 29	6:30pm	Go Go Girlzilla & Eighty3
JULY 13	7pm	Missy and the Dirty Secrets
JULY 20	7pm	Mojo Filter
JULY 27	7pm	Skin & Bones
AUG 3	6:30pm	SofaKillers
AUG 10	6:30pm	WireWood Station
AUG 17	6:30pm	Sandy Wells

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