

serve basis. Businesses could operate only during off-peak hours, and the staff would set the number of permits allowed. Further discussion on this topic will be conducted at the July board meeting because a related ordinance might need to change.

Financial assurance guarantee for water tank project

By a vote of 7-0, the board approved the expenditure for a letter of credit regarding the water tank project near Red Rock Ranch on a 2.5-acre site, which is in the

county's jurisdiction. El Paso County requires financial assurance to issue an erosion and storm water control permit for the project. This letter of credit stipulation was passed last year by the county and applies to developers, towns, water districts, and any type of municipality.

The financial assurance for the Red Rock water tank is \$140,000 but might be lowered to \$70,000 through negotiation with the county. The town's bank can provide the town with a letter of credit that meets the financial assurance requirements at a cost of \$700. The contrac-

tor on the project has provided the town with a performance bond for the town's financial assurance. If the town does not adhere to the project requirements, it could pay up to \$70,000. A letter of credit might also apply to a water tank project on Monument Hill, because it is outside the town's boundary and in the county.

The meeting ended at 9:34 p.m.

The Monument Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 5 due to the Fourth of July holiday. Call 719-884-8014 or see www.townofmonument.org for information. To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets for BOT or to download audio recordings of past meetings, see <http://monumenttownco.minutesonline.com> and click on Board of Trustees.

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Donald Wescott Fire Protection District, June 2, 21 and 28
Unification hits speed bump; board votes to obtain station appraisal

By Natalie Barszcz

At the Donald Wescott Fire Protection District (DWFPD) meeting on June 2, the board met virtually via Zoom technology to approve the signing of the broker of record. On June 21 at the regular meeting, the board tabled approval of the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for the provision of Emergency Services from Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District (TLMFPD) and deferred the signing of the letters directing the transfer of personnel pension and insurance plans. The board also approved an appraisal for a property valuation of Fire Station 6 (formerly DWFPD Station 3).

Directors Charles Fleece and Mike Forsythe were excused on June 2.

Special meeting June 2

On June 2, the board approved 3-0 for T. Charles Wilson to represent general liability insurance, workers compensation, and One Digital, representing medical, vision and dental insurance as the broker of record. See www.ocn.me/v22n6.htm#dwfpd and #tlmfpd.

The June 2 meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Regular meeting June 21

Forsythe joined at 4:20 p.m. and left at 4:42 p.m. on June 21.

Unification with TLMFPD—process update

DWFPD attorney Emily Powell of Ireland

Stapleton Pryor Pascoe PC law firm updated the board on the IGA for provision of emergency services from TLMFPD, and noted the following:

- The principal negotiation on all the unification documents for the IGA is complete, and the primary IGA document is also complete and ready for signature.
- A resolution promising to follow through with all the items in the IGA will only need to be considered by the TLMFPD board.
- DWFPD is required to inform all the third-party service providers of the merger it is entering into with TLMFPD, stating all employees will now be sponsored by TLMFPD.

Powell said the process had hit a "speed bump" relating to the letter sent to Colonial Insurance, and the transition had not been as seamless as expected. The clear direction received from staff was to draft a letter to Colonial Insurance, requesting termination of the short-term disability program, and the other policies were to be rolled over from DWFPD into the TLMFPD plans.

The revisions provided from Colonial Insurance changed the deal and stated that only the two life insurance policies were being rolled over, that the employees would either have the option of enrolling in the TLMFPD policies or to pay on an individual private pay basis to

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