to December 2022, and Stacey Popovich, DWFPD administrative assistant, left at short notice for another fire department. The district was left scrambling to become educated about the Wescott budget, and at the Jan. 25 board meeting, the board approved the DWFPD finances be handled by The Accounting Office Inc. for \$450 per month. See www. ocn.me/v23n2.htm#dwfpd.

Kovacs requested the board approve the 2022 supplemental amendments totaling about \$1.67 million (includes \$71,010 for compatible Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the DW-FPD staff, \$12,854 for FPPA (pension), \$128,554 for salaries, \$25,000 for part-time salaries, and about \$1.43 million for the contract with MFD). Kovacs said although a grant was pursued for SCBA, it was unavailable. See www.ocn.me/ v22n1.htm#dwfpd.

Gunderman opened the public hearing on the 2022 supplemental budgets for DWFPD and northern subdistrict.

Powell said the notice of the public hearing was duly published by law and the district did not receive any comments before the hearing.

An unidentified resident asked if the amendment included \$1 million plus the extra \$1 million in reserves.

Kovacs said the 2022 budget was under by about \$1

million, meaning it was not expended in 2022, plus additional reserves were left in the budget before 2022, he said.

The board closed the public hearing and unanimously approved the 2022 supplemental budget for the DWFPD and the northern subdistrict.

Board receives thanksDirector Mike Forsythe

thanked the board on behalf of the combined district staff for the funding to purchase a dedication plaque to memorialize and honor Firefighter/Paramedic Doug McIntyre. Forsythe said Lieutenants Roger Lance and Kurt Leonberger were putting together something special. See www.ocn.me/v23n4.htm#dwfpd.

Note: For additional information, see the MFD article on page 1.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Meetings are usually held every other month on the fourth Wednesday at Station 1, 18650 Highway 105. The next regular board meeting is scheduled

for May 24 at 4:30 p.m. Meeting attendance is open to the public in person or via Zoom. For joining instructions, agendas, minutes, and updates, visit www.monumentfire.org or contact Director of Administration Jennifer Martin at 719-484-9011.

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- May 2: 3:00 p.m. @ Wesley Owens
- May 16: 1:00 p.m. @ Bennies

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