

personnel for two years; after that, the district would have to take over paying for those six new hires. There was some discussion as to whether accepting the grant would be worthwhile since district expenses are now so high that keeping the new hires beyond the two-year period could not be ensured.

Ingram said that the district is looking at laying off

two or three people if the mill levy fails, and SAFER grant rules prevent layoffs during the grant period. However, the grant request could be submitted again next year.

**Candidates for board position introduced**  
Ingram introduced the four candidates who had applied for appointment to the vacant board seat originally held by Charlie Pocock, who resigned last month. They are: Allan Bassett, who is also running for El Paso County commissioner; Jacob Shirk, Monument police chief; Darryl Beckmann, retired deputy commissioner with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; and Bill Normile, a member of the El Paso County Emergency Services board.

Ingram briefly discussed the use of and possible pur-

chase of a safe to store documents in the district administration office.

Troop 514 from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints provided refreshments for the firefighters and other attendees at the meeting. The board and attendees expressed their thanks.

The board went into executive session "for determining positions relative to negotiation." Ingram indicated that it did not appear that any votes would be taken following the executive session.

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**SHIRK APPOINTED TO BOARD (Cont. from page 1)**

missioner with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, El Paso County Emergency Services Board member Bill Normile, and former Tri-Lakes FPD board member and president Oscar Gillespie. With little discussion, the board voted 3-2 to place Shirk on the board to fill the vacancy.

**Resolutions lay out board action for passage or failure of tax increase**

The board wrote into the record actions the district would take following either passage or failure of its Nov. 6 tax increase ballot measure. Resolutions 12-004 and 12-005 both were approved. The actions specified by year, in resolution 12-004 are:

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"Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby adopts and approves the following five-year spending plan, should the November 6, 2012, ballot measure pass. This plan is in addition to current District revenue and the current operational budget spending plan:


"2013—The district shall retain three current line staff positions for a total operational force of thirty-six personnel, maintain 24/7 operations at three fire stations, restore critical portions of the operating budget to the 2007-2008 levels, to include: restoring two unfilled Firefighter-Paramedic positions, restoring portions of Firefighter Training and Education, restoring portions of Station Repair and Maintenance, restoring Fire and EMS Vehicle Repair and Maintenance, restoring Fire and EMS Equipment purchasing, restoring Radio and Communication purchasing and hiring a Fire Chief. The cost to restore the aforementioned items is \$416,105. The remaining \$583,895 shall be used to restore the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) fund to approximately 50% of its 2009 level.

"2014—The district shall continue to restore critical portions of the operating budget to the 2007-2008 levels, to include: restoring portions of Firefighter Training and Education, restoring Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment and Uniforms, restoring portions of Station Repair and Maintenance, restoring Fire and EMS Vehicle Repair and Maintenance, restoring Fire and EMS Equipment purchasing, restoring Radio and Communication purchasing. The cost to restore

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