

and to update the financial methods utilized. At the previous meeting, it was noted that there was some difficulty in obtaining

an accounting firm that met the district's standards. **Revenues continue to rise** Treasurer John Hildebrandt said

there was a continued upsurge in income from the various tax sources to the district. He confirmed that this was now accepted as an ongoing trend for the Specific Ownership Tax section of the budgeted 2013 income. The year-to-date to-

tal property tax revenue received was \$2.5 million or 62.35 percent of the annual budgeted amount. The Specific Ownership Tax income level was at 60.3 percent of budget, or \$152,634. Ambulance revenues were also slightly ahead of schedule at \$223,128 or 46.01

percent of projections. Overall expenses amounted to 40.27 percent or 1.39 percent under year-to-date budgeted projections.

The board voted unanimously to accept a contract proposal from Penrose-St. Francis Health Services to participate in the Colorado Indigent Care Program. This program allows the district to participate in a collective reimbursement process that provides an estimated 6 percent of billed charges to be allocated to the district. It simplifies collection and standardization of income for services rendered. Board President Jacob Shirk and Director Bill Ingram were not present to vote.

Truty advised the board that he was well pleased with the cooperation received from the fire staff in his work in identifying issues that require adjustment or correction. He noted that standardization of policies and procedures was the primary deficit area with some of the "residue from the merger five years ago" making up the majority of the remaining areas requiring oversight. He added that at this time there was one firefighter/paramedic vacancy due to an individual transfer to another department.

**Black Forest Fire**

Truty said district personnel had spent 400 to 500 man-hours on site at the Black Forest Fire. They had been there from the start and worked tirelessly to save structures from destruction. He also stated that they successfully stopped the advance of the fire on the north side. He stated that at no time was the district lacking in internal fire/emergency

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