



**Above:** Dylan pinned on his father Lt. Franz Hankins's new badge after Fire Chief Chris Truty swore him in at his promotion ceremony on Sept. 23 at the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District meeting. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

as of Aug. 31, district expenses were under budget by 1.66 percent and ambulance revenues were 4 percent below what was budgeted, but overall revenues were on track. The district's total cash was \$3.7 million in five accounts. The financial report was approved unanimously.

**Chief's report**

Truty said that the ambulance billing company the district has been using suffered a catastrophic failure of its computer system and all backups in September. "It looks bleak," he said, adding that the district has signed on with another billing company now and hopes a potential \$500,000 in ambulance revenue in limbo right now will not have to be re-billed by the new company.

The TLMFPD crew members Gillette, Hankins, Peters, Vincent, Guerra, and Ayala, deployed to California and Washington to help with firefighting efforts there, have returned. Truty said it gave them excellent training and experience.

The Town of Palmer Lake plans put a mill levy vote on their ballot in November to fund the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department. See [www.ocn.me/v15n8.htm#pltc](http://www.ocn.me/v15n8.htm#pltc).

Office Administrator Jennifer Martin's report included updates on all the public relations and community events the TLMFPD crew members assisted with in September, including Muscular Dystrophy Association Fill the Boot

fundraiser, ambulance presence at several public events, a flag ceremony on Sept. 11 with the American Legion, assistance with Tri-Lakes Emergency Preparedness Fair at the Church of Latter Day Saints, CPR classes, mitigation assessments, and car seat checks.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28, in the Monument Town Hall at 645 Beacon Lite Road, with station tours open to the public starting at 5 p.m. Meetings are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. For information, contact Jennifer Martin at 719-484-0911.

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**Woodmoor Improvement Association Board of Directors, Sept. 23**

**Board approves The Dunes covenants and amendments**

*By Jackie Burhans*

At the Woodmoor Improvement Association (WIA) board meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 23, the board voted to approve the covenants document from La Plata for The Dunes along with amendments.

**Covenants for The Dunes approved**

Director Mark Ponti reported that WIA lawyer Leonard Rioth and architectural control administrator Bob Pearsall have been meeting with their counterparts in The Dunes over the last three months. They worked on The Dunes' Project Design Standards Manual (PDSM) which is equivalent to the WIA PDSM with some additions and exceptions. That was voted on and approved earlier this year. The next document agreed upon was the declaration of covenants, conditions, and restrictions of The Dunes at Woodmoor. This sets forth the covenants and gives the WIA the authority to enforce the covenants including the PDSM approved earlier this year. The WIA board unanimously approved the covenants for The Dune as recommended by the board attorney.

The second document discussed covered amendments to the covenant that takes the original property platted for the Dunes in 1971 for commercial and multi-family use and converts it to single family. Hale explained that a 1999 lawsuit by KAB-Pankey LLC sued and won to allow commercial and multi-family; this document takes that and converts it to single family. A motion was made and approved by the board, with Jennifer Cunningham abstaining.

Hale asked Angela Essing, director of planning for La Plata, to update the board on the timeline for the project. Essing noted that the project was delayed due to the rains so they are hoping to have the roads completed by early March or early spring and then have home construction after that. She noted that it depends on the winter and how quickly we have a hard frost.

**Board report highlights**

- A second WIA covenant review meeting was held on Sept. 21. The goal is to remove obsolete clauses, clarify, and bring the covenants up to date. The project is three-fourths complete and will require another one to two meetings before a draft is available for board review.
- After the Sept. 7 robbery of the Woodmoor Conoco, there have been rumors that one of the solicitors staying at the Ramada Inn was responsible. This was reported to be false, and the robbery is being investigated by the El Paso Sheriff's Office (EPSO).
- On Sept. 14 there were reports of criminal trespass and burglary from cars with unlocked doors. A stolen vehicle was crashed in Black Forest, others broken into, and a second vehicle crashed in Cimarron Hills. EPSO is investigating and has pictures of female suspects. If anyone has information, they should contact Detective John Watts at 719-390-5555.
- The WIA expected to break ground on Sept. 28 for the new Pavilion in the parking lot. It was expected to be completed by Oct. 2, and residents will be able to reserve it for their use.

- Paving at the parking lot at the Marsh common area on the corner of Woodmoor Drive and Top O' the Moor has been completed. The paving was necessary to address drainage issues in that area. The lot will be striped for four cars and boulders will be placed along the perimeter.
- Community Affairs Director Cunningham reported that the new town manager for Monument, who is from Kansas, will be starting on Oct. 1.
- Community events include the University of Colorado Health mobile mammography bus, the Pink Life Saver, at the Pikes Peak Brewing Co. on Sept. 27 with a new brew, a "Bear 4 Boobies" prickly pear saison brewed by the ladies of PPBC.
- Cunningham noted that the annual Kiwanis Empty Bowl Dinner will be held at Lewis-Palmer High School on Oct. 7. This event costs \$20 and raises money for Tri-Lakes Cares.

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The WIA Board of Directors usually meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Barn at 1691 Woodmoor Drive, Monument. The next meeting will be on Oct. 21. WIA board meeting minutes can be found at: <http://www.woodmoor.org/content/admin-bod-meeting-minutes.html> once approved and posted.

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