



PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
729 E. GOLD DRIVE
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Board of Directors of The Pueblo West Metropolitan District met at 729 E Gold Drive, Pueblo West, Colorado, on July 9, 2019; at the hour of 6:00 P.M. President Proal called the Regular Meeting to order.

- A. CALL TO ORDER**, President Doug Proal
- B. INVOCATION**
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

D. ROLL CALL

President Proal called the roll: Director Mike French, Director Judy Leonard, Director Matt Smith, Director Terry Zupan, and President Doug Proal were present.

Also present was Nina Vetter, District Manager; Harley Gifford, General Counsel; Laura Savage, Assistant to the District Manager; Roni Kimbrel, Budget and Accounting Manager; Brian Caserta, Fire Chief; and 11 audience members.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Proal requested to move the certificate of appreciation for Representative Bri Buentello to the July 23, 2019, then motioned for the approval of the agenda. Motion was moved by Director French and seconded by Director Smith. Motion unanimously passed.

F. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR SENATOR LEROY GARCIA

Mr. Gifford introduced Senate President Leroy Garcia and highlighted his involvement and assistance for the ability of special districts to levy a voter approved sales tax for fire protection. Senator Garcia expressed gratitude for the Board's Certificate of Appreciation and commended the District's lobbyists for their successful endeavors at the Capitol.

2. PUEBLO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY UPDATE

District Attorney Jeff Chostner introduced his senior management team and provided an overview of the department's services and programs. Between 10,000 and 12,000 cases are reviewed annually, of which 2,700 are felonies and 7,000 misdemeanors. Crime is trending down between 4% and 18% throughout Pueblo County due to increased law enforcement and other factors. Mr. Chostner discussed the impact of illegal marijuana grows within Pueblo West, improved cooperation with the Federal government, and the need for increased traffic enforcement. Lastly, the department enjoys participating with the annual Independence Day Parade.

G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Director Zupan motioned for the approval of the Consent Agenda; it was seconded by Director Smith. Ayes: French, Leonard, Proal, Smith, Zupan. Nays: none. Abstained: none. Motion carried 5-0.

- 1. FINANCE REPORTS**
- 2. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT**
- 3. MINUTES OF MARCH 19, AND MARCH 26, 2019**

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FIRE DEPARTMENT BRUSH TRUCK RE-USE PLAN

Chief Caserta indicated the Beulah Fire Department expressed interest in purchasing an old, smaller brush truck and attached equipment and include an exchange for a skid unit. After discussion, the Board directed Chief Caserta to work with Beulah Fire and complete the re-use plan.

2. DECLARATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT MED UNIT AS SURPLUS

Chief Caserta discussed the need to decommission the District's older ambulance as American Medical Response provides transport services. However, a recent mini mass-casualty incident led Chief Caserta to propose using the ambulance as a mass casualty unit within Pueblo County Sheriff's Offices Emergency Services Bureau which could be dispatched as needed. If the County decides the unit is unneeded, the District's surplus policy would take effect and the unit would be properly disposed. After discussion, the Board directed Chief Caserta to move forward with the Pueblo County option.

3. DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON ACTION 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board for District Manager Nina Vetter to serve as the District's

representative.

I. NEW BUSINESS

None

J. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None

K. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Leonard reported she attended the recent Pueblo Area Council of Governments meeting and discussed a resolution that was passed regarding the Highway 50 project. She expressed gratitude for those who assisted and worked during the Independence Day Parade and soldier breakfast. Lastly, she reported that Hill Ranch revegetation efforts are working as the area is green and lush.

Director Zupan echoed the Independence Day sentiments and praised the event's success.

Director French enjoys serving breakfast to the soldiers and finds it is the highlight of the day's events. Also, he inquired about the status of the Citizens Academy and would like to see a session in the fall as he feels the program provides value to residents.

Director Smith shared the United Way Liberty Point 5k had a record turnout, and he praised staff for the successful day.

President Proal praised the Fire Department's fireworks display.

L. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

See agenda for list.

M. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Proal adjourned the meeting at 6:49 P.M. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2019 at the hour of 6:00 P.M., presently set for the meeting room of the Board of Directors, 729 E. Gold Drive, Pueblo West, Colorado.

Secretary

Approved 09/10/2019