

**Western Hills Fire Protection District**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, April 14, 2025**

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 p.m.

2. **Attendance:**

Board Members: Bill McDonnell, Greg Johnson, Don Steinmetz Jr, Kris Knez,  
Calven Goza  
Absent:

Also present: Ch. Brian Kuznik, Janice Perekrestenko  
Melissa Bigler, Anderson & Whitney  
Luke Egel  
Steve Haslet

3. **Changes in Agenda:**

Move the Audit presentation to item 4 from item 5.

4. **Presentation of 2024 Draft Audit**

Melissa Bigler from Anderson & Whitney presented the 2024 Draft Audit for review and questions. Motion to approve the Draft 2024 Annual - Goza/Steinmetz 5-0

5. **Fire Department Report:**

Calls for March 2025 were 42; the city had 1,377. The reports do not match up, and we are unable to provide response times in March. In May, the Greeley Fire Department is contracting with a third party for data analysis and information.

Auto-aid contracts with five agencies for five specific call types will generate dispatch notifications to those agencies.

The next ISO rating is due in 2027. Western Hills is rated 10, and the City of Greeley is rated 2.

The City Council will vote on the Cascadia project tomorrow, 4/15.

Fire Marshal Bob Fries has announced his intention to retire in July 2025.

Budget request process for 2026.

There are two items that the Board may be favorable to fund.

The Greeley Fire Department Special Operations team wants to host a \$39,500 Trench Collapse class in 2025 and a \$37,000 Structural Collapse class in 2026. If the Board is interested, a presentation could be made at the May meeting.

Is there an opportunity for matching funds?

Fire Station costs – based on 2026 estimates –  
Ch. Kuznik discussed with Mr. McDonnell  
Summary of estimated costs for a new building vs refurbishing or  
expanding the current building.  
What is the future of the district? The current contract lasts until 2030.  
(5 years to 2030.)  
Consider moving forward with a feasibility study that was discussed in  
2024.

The plaque was presented to Mr. McDonnell in appreciation of his service.

Station 4 rebuild: no additional information currently.

6. **Minutes:** March 2025 Regular Meeting  
Motion to accept March 2025 Minutes as corrected.  
(Steinmetz/Knez) 5-0 Approved

7. **Financials:**

- A. Bills March 2025  
Motion to accept Bills Paid in March 2025 as presented.  
(Goza/Steinmetz) 5-0 Approved
- B. Statement of Changes as of March 2025  
Motion to accept the Statement of Changes as presented.  
(Knez/Johnson) 5-0 Approved
- C. Journal Entries for March 2025  
Motion to accept Journal Entries for March 2025.  
(Goza/Knez) 5-0 Approved
- D. Weld County Treasurer Report – no formal action.
- E. Closing Checklist March 2025  
Motion to accept Closing Checklist.  
(Johnson/Goza) 5-0 Approved

8. **Old Business:**

- A. Feasibility Study Proposals –  
Have not received communications from the potential consultants.
- B. Station Maintenance – tabled  
Have not received information from City Public Works

- C. 2025 Board Member Vacancy –  
Two self-nomination forms were received, leaving one board position open for appointment for the term beginning in May 2025.

9. **New Business:**

- A. NFPA 855, Standard for Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems  
The 2021 Code did not include NFPA 555 when the board adopted it; therefore, the resolution that adopted it needs to be amended. We will contact John Chmiel for the needed item.

- B. Board Positions  
Mr. Egel and Mr. Haslet attended the meeting to ask questions about board member responsibilities.

10. **Oral or Written Suggestions from the Board or Taxpayers:** None

11. **Adjourn:**  
Vice President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

**Regular Meeting(s) and Proposed Agenda Items**

| Date       | Time      | Agenda Items |
|------------|-----------|--------------|
| 05/12/2025 | 5:30 p.m. |              |
| 06/09/2025 | 5:30 p.m. |              |
| 07/14/2025 | 5:30 p.m. |              |

Respectfully Submitted,

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Janice Perekrestenko, Recording Secretary

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Board President