

**Western Hills Fire Protection District**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, January 12, 2026**

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

2. **Attendance:**

Board Members: Greg Johnson, Don Steinmetz Jr., Calven Goza, Caleb Clark, and Kris Knez  
Absent:

Also present: Council Member/Mayor Pro Tem Melissa McDonald  
Public Safety Officer Rick Ruggeri  
Ch. Brian Kuznik  
Janice Perekrestenko

3. **Changes in Agenda:**

4. **Fire Department Report:**

Plaque for Training Support for MSAR – eight different departments took part of the class and letters for each board member.

December 44 calls, 7 were in Garden City; average total response time 8 min, 9 seconds.

Total calls for the year 486; 24% decrease from 2024. Partially due to a data integrity issued and a (700 blk of 25<sup>th</sup> Street) neighborhood hotspot that was targeted by Squad 1 to reduce utilization of the 911 service.

The fire calls for District is a higher percentage than experienced in the City of Greeley.

Map showing response times for Station 4. The WH district falls within 6-7 and 11-minute response times. Resource allocation suggests a move to 11<sup>th</sup> Av/Hwy 34. It would not be ideal to move a station west of the railroad tracks.

If Western Hills were to staff the station in its current location, it would enhance response time to the District on the east side. Crew of four with Engine and unstaffed Tender

Greeley/Weld Airport has not reached the commercial threshold that would require a 2-minute response time. They anticipate reaching that threshold within two to three years.

Growth is projected for 2030 population. Concerns other than Station 4 relocation is an infill station area west of UC Health Hospital. Station 6 gets pulled into Station 7 and Station 5 areas. This pulls from west Station 6 areas.

<b>Calls</b>	<b>2025 WH</b>	<b>2025 City</b>	<b>2024 WH</b>	<b>2024 City</b>
January	39	1,470	58	1,598
February	37	1,281	54	1,348
March	52	1,366	64	1,384
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>4,117</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>4,330</b>
April	41	1,241	54	1,406
May	34	1,442	55	1,659
June	46	1,492	59	1,596
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>4,175</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>4,661</b>
July	38		55	1,716
August	35		64	1,765
September	31		48	1,662
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>104</b>		<b>167</b>	<b>5,143</b>
October	48		44	1,686
November	39		51	1,581
December	44		48	1,660
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>			<b>143</b>	<b>4,933</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>486</b>		<b>654</b>	<b>19,061</b>

5. **Minutes:** December 2025 Regular Meeting  
Motion to accept December 2025 Minutes.  
(Goza/Steinmetz) 5-0 Approved
  
6. **Financials:**
  - A. Bills Paid in December 2025  
Motion to accept Bills Paid in December 2025 as presented.  
(Knez/Goza) 5-0 Approved
  
  - B. Statement of Changes as of December 2025  
Motion to accept the Statement of Changes as presented.  
(Goza/Caleb) 5-0  
  
Motion to accept Journal Entries for December 2025.  
(Steinmetz/Knez) 5-0 Approved
  
  - C. Weld County Treasurer Report – no formal action.
  
  - D. Closing Checklist December 2025  
Motion to accept the December Closing Checklist.  
(Goza/Caleb) 5-0 Approved

7. **Old Business:**

A. Feasibility Study-

Ch. Kuznik shared the draft RFP document at the November meeting.  
Is there any feedback? Key goals –  
Assess the fairness and equity of the cost formula.  
Determine whether the current agreement meets the needs.  
Evaluate whether alternative governance could better ensure long-term goals.  
Current contract expires in 2030. Motion to table Goza/Knez 5-0.

B. Station Maintenance –

1. Lawn Care

- Law Lawn Care has completed final mowing and trimming for 2025.
- 2. The sprinkler system bid needs to get three bids. (Spring 2026 project)  
Fisher Irrigation; All Terrain,
- 3. Pavement assessment of the parking lot.

8. **New Business:**

A. 2026 Officer Election

Motion to adopt all current officers for 2026. (Goza/Clark) 5-0

B. Independent Contractor Agreement

Motion to approve as presented. Knez/Goza 5-0

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

Website update will reach out to the vendor for updates.

10. **Adjourn:**

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.  
Goza/Clark 5-0

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

Date	Time	Agenda Items
02/09/2026	5:30 p.m.	
03/09/2026	5:30 p.m.	
04/13/2026	5:30 p.m.	

Respectfully Submitted,

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Janice Perekrestenko, Recording Secretary

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Greg Johnson, Board President