

- space budget has been expended so far.
 - Outsourced billing by AmCoBi is more expensive than anticipated.
 - Water and tap fees revenue was ahead of 2017's conservative budget, making up for last year's over-estimation.
 - Landscape and irrigation improvements are coming up.
- Checks over \$5,000:
- Golder Associates Inc. Supervisory Control and

- Data Acquisition (SCADA) system upgrades, \$63,056
 - Terracon, engineering services, pavement management field inspections, \$16,290
- Operations report**
- Cichocki's comments included:
- The Water Department just hired two more certified water operators, for a total of five professionals holding 16 certifications.
 - Public Works Foreman


- Gerry Shisler started work for Triview on June 12. He will manage all public works operations, including streets and parks, and brings with him a broad range of skills that the district did not have before.
- We are documenting residents' requests and action taken to resolve issues.
- Well A4 is in service again, and water quality is good.
- Final punch list items are being completed for installation of the new Sanctuary Pointe booster pump.
- SCADA upgrade is ahead of schedule in some respects, and Golder Associates is going above and beyond.
- Hydrants and valves are being cleaned and exercised prior to a flushing project.
- A few parks need attention; irrigation repair work and grass rehabilitation in Ox Bow Park, Mistry Creek Park, and

- Creekside Park.
 - Many irrigation timers don't work, and the district system is in disarray. We are still finding things we had no idea about. Bear with me and the staff; we are struggling ... but we are finally getting answers.
 - Drainage area landscaping is in progress.
 - Stormwater collection system cleaning is coming up.
- The directors asked residents to call Triview directly if they had problems with water pressure instead of just posting complaints on social media. Cichocki said he could offer specific advice to homeowners who contacted the district, and that often a failed pressure reducing valve inside the home is the source of pressure issues.
- Bolander will not run for re-election**
- President Bolander announced that he would not run for re-election next year, so there would be three board seats open for the election.

The deadline for interested candidates is in early 2018. "A lot of people care, but we need someone who would be willing to attend all the meetings!" He said he would be willing to step down from the president role sooner than that so he could help the new president with the transition.

At 7:56 p.m., the meeting went into executive session to confer with the district's attorney regarding legal advice on specific legal questions. Remington told OCN that no votes or announcements were made after the executive session.

The next Triview meeting will be held July 11 at 5 p.m. at the Fairfield Inn, Mt. Herman Conference Room, 15275 Struthers Road, Colorado Springs. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Information: 488-6868 or see www.colorado.gov/triview-metro, Triview Metropolitan District on Facebook, or [Twitter.com/@TriviewMetro](https://twitter.com/TriviewMetro). Lisa Hatfield can be reached at lisahatfield@ocn.me.



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GARAGE is packed to the gills! **TOOLS**, tools & more tools! 10 new, boxed wardrobe cabinets; vintage/antique hardware, much exercise equipment still in boxes.

STILL UNPACKING!

Donald Wescott Fire Protection District, June 20

Auditors test district's internal financial controls

By Jennifer Kaylor

The Donald Wescott Fire Protection District (DWFPD) board met June 20 to receive the auditor's report from Hoelting and Company Inc., which was presented by CPA Tom Sistare, to hear public comments, and to conduct regular administrative business. Board members provided their individual perspectives regarding the challenges of DWFPD's current financial situation and the proposed mill levy.

All board members were present. Assistant Chief Scott Ridings, was excused. Attorney Dino Ross of Ireland Stapleton Pryor and Pascoe PC also attended.

Auditor's report highlights material weaknesses and deficiencies

Sistare explained that the audit first tested internal controls and then designed the remaining procedures based on the results of those tests. The audit found that the financial statements are fairly presented in all material respects. Sistare reviewed the audit report that identified two deficiencies in internal control as material weaknesses. A material weakness is defined in the report as a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected or corrected, on a timely basis. The material



Above: The Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting was held in the equipment bay on June 20 to ensure there would be enough room for all members of the public who wished to attend. All five directors offered their comments on the district's present financial circumstances, the board's commitment to the firefighters, and examples of superlative service by the firefighters to the residents of Wescott. From left, Chairman Greg Gent, Treasurer Joyce Hartung, and Director Bo McAllister. *Photo by Jennifer Kaylor.*

weaknesses included:

- Year-end closing procedure—This procedure includes posting approved audit adjustments in the general ledger to the financial statements. Holtling, the auditing agency, recommends that management develop year-end closing procedures that provide for posting audit adjustments and agreeing the resultant balance to the prior year financial statements.
- Segregation of duties—The limitations of the district's size and staff availability precluded segregation of duties for certain procedures in-

volving the initiating, authorizing, recording, and reconciling of transactions. This requires management and those charged with governance to remain involved in the review of financial information to mitigate the risks involved with this condition.

The audit also defined a significant deficiency as a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. Two significant deficiencies were identified:

- Backdating checks—