

under expected revenue through August.

Hildebrandt said administrative expenses for August were up slightly coincident with the payment of the liability insurance premiums and the payment of maintenance contracts. He summarized by noting that overall expenses were 0.38 percent higher than the year-to-date budgetary expectations.

Battalion Chief Bryan Jack notified the board that the Federal Emergency Management Administration has allowed the district to wait until the tax increase results are known before making a decision on whether to accept

the federal SAFER grant with its stipulations or to reject it. This grant would fund the hire of six fire personnel for two years. A determination must be made on whether funds will be available to continue the employment of these six employees or they must be terminated at the cessation of the two-year federal funding.

Lt. Ryan Graham, treasurer of the International Association of Firefighters Local 4319, announced its members had voted unanimously to support the passage of the mill levy increase. He said union members would show their support by displaying signs and going door-to-door, besides spending their funds. He encouraged others to join them in publicizing support for the tax increase. The board thanked the union for its assistance.

Battalion Chief Mike Dooley received a letter commending him from Maj. Matthew R. Basler at the U.S. Air Force Academy. It thanked Dooley and firefighters Tracey Stapley, Will Vogl, and Ryan Rockx for the wonderful time his son had during his experience with the "Fire Station Adventure," which was a prize he had won at a silent auction at St. Peter Church. He thanked them for

the ride on the fire truck that his son enjoyed and for his son's experience in actually getting to spray water from one of the hoses.

A special meeting of the board was called for Monday, Oct. 8, to discuss budgetary subjects. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Center at 166 Second St. in Monument.

The district office manager noted that the Mom's Club of Colorado Springs, Monument North, had supplied an enormous amount of refreshments for the fire personnel present at the board meeting that evening.

The board went into executive session for "determining positions relative to negotiations."

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The next regular meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct 24, in the Administration Center at 166 Second St. in Monument. For further information regarding this meeting, contact Jennifer Martin at 719-484-0911.

Bernard Minetti may be contacted at [bernardminetti@ocn.me](mailto:bernardminetti@ocn.me).

Donald Wescott Fire Protection District, Sept. 18

# Audit shows "clean" 2011 budget

By Jim Kendrick

On Sept. 18, auditor Tom Sistare of Hoelting & Co. briefed the Donald Wescott Fire Protection District board

on his "clean" budget opinion contained in the district's 2011 audit. The board unanimously accepted the 2011 audit and unanimously approved minor amendments to the 2011 and 2012 budget recommended by Sistare.

Director Greg Gent was absent from the meeting. The board excused the absence of Director Joyce Hartung.

Sistare suggested a few minor format changes to the district's 2011 budget regarding the initial general fund balance and the reallocated source of revenue for some expenditures for construction of the new Shamrock Station 2 on Highway 83 from capital reserve funds. Sistare suggested corresponding amendments to display how funds from a few line items from capital reserves and designated funds were reallocated to the 2011 beginning

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