



Above: Volunteer firefighter Aron Nonko was sworn in by Donald Wescott Fire Protection District board President Scott Campbell on Oct. 16. Nonko's grandmother, Rea Danzl, pinned on his new badge. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.*

for eight federal wildfire deployments throughout 2012. Reimbursements had been received for only two of these deployments, the Lower North Fork and Whitewater Baldy fires.

Marshall, Burns, and Assistant Chief Scott Ridings gave a lengthy technical explanation of how various fees and rates apply in filling out the numerous reimbursement forms she had filed to date in response to numerous board questions. At the end of the discussion, there was consensus that the financial benefit from wildfire participation might actually be a higher amount. Marshall said she would continue to update the board at regular meetings until all eight

reimbursement amounts have been finalized.

Burns noted that the fire engine that the district had purchased primarily for wildland firefighting with a straight cash payment may pay for itself through wildfire reimbursements in just two years. Ridings described the additional workload and interruptions to staff family life necessary for Wescott to be able to constantly commit immediately to two-week deployment requests. A deployable crew and assigned apparatus is always on call for a two-week deployment with only a few hours of notice.

Also, Wescott's deployed crews have earned a reputation for both responsiveness and

wildfire success that now leads to annual by-name requests by some states. All this extra work has created a far more experienced staff for emergencies like the Waldo Canyon Fire, as well as providing extra revenue.

Marshall advised the board that she had received permission from Hartung to move \$400,000 from the district's Colostrust Fund cash reserve account to the Colorado Peak Fund interest-bearing account to help generate a little extra revenue. The funds will be returned to the Colostrust account once the tax revenue stream is restored in the spring.

The district will continue to have ample cash reserves to pay its bills through the first few months of 2013 until the first property tax revenues are forwarded by the state, and will not have to borrow money to sustain operations this winter.

Chief's report

Ridings reported 179 calls in September, which was 43 percent higher than 125 calls in 2011. The year-to-date total was 1,430 calls, 22 percent higher than 1,173 calls through September in 2011.

Burns reported a structure fire call at an auto garage with five bays where a car had caught fire after closing.

Burns passed around a certificate of appreciation from the Sioux Tribe's Standing Rock Reservation for Wescott's help during the McIntosh wildfire deployment from Aug. 25 through Sept. 10.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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and Mike Nussbaum, of supplier Keen Pump Co., had recommended changing from the current positive displacement pump to an equivalent centrifugal pump to increase the pump lifespan. There are four pumps in the lift stations and two spares. The installed positive displacement pumps would be replaced one at a time when their individual useful life has ended. The spare pumps would be exchanged immediately. Keen has offered a 50 percent rebate on the purchase of the first six new pumps.

The district's attorney, Jim Kin, attended the meeting to give legal advice regarding negotiations and issues concerning

the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any district property interest during a 40-minute executive session. No board votes were taken during or after the executive session regarding these negotiation discussions.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Nov. 15 in the district conference room at 130 Second St. Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month. Information: 481-4886.

Jim Kendrick can be reached at jimkendrick@ocn.me.

The next meeting will be held on Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. at Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Drive. Meetings are normally held on the

fourth Wednesday of the month. Information: 488-8680. *Jim Kendrick can be contacted at jimkendrick@ocn.me.*

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