

Above: Fire personnel of the Tri-Lakes Fire Protection District are sworn in as a statement to the community of their allegiance to the emergency services task that they are employed to perform. Photo by Bernard Minetti.



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plicants "lacked something" and were not acceptable. Meanwhile the district would continue with the present bookkeeper and correct some of the deficiencies while a new RFPs was developed, Truty said.

Shirk asked about the status of the check signing for the district. Truty said he and the treasurer would be the check

The official May 13 swearing in of the new fire chief was re-enacted at the meeting. Afterward, all available fire personnel also were sworn in to reinforce who the fire personnel are and what they do for the community.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, in the Administration Center at 166 Second St. in Monument. For further information regarding this meeting, contact Jennifer Martin at 719-484-0911.

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Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, May 9

Woodmoor board adopts new irrigation rate

By Candice Hitt

At the May 9 Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) board meeting, District Manager Jessie Shaffer presented an analysis of potable and non-potable irrigation "blocks," or water use categories, and rates. The analysis was developed by Red Oak Consulting to assist the district with adopting new price rates and block

Shaffer stated that WWSD revenue needs are generated by blocks 1 and 2, which represent the bulk of customers. Shaffer also explained the difference in the rate structure between potable and non-potable irrigation-only users, outlining how the blocks were originally structured and stating that irrigation block volumes were likely lower what they should be.

Shaffer recommended larger volumes in each block. The board approved the new block structure on a trial basis for 2013 with an effective date of June 1. The volumes within the block structures were changed. The only rate that changed was for the first block of non-potable irrigation, which will increase from \$2.21 to \$2.35 per 1,000 gallons.

Operations and construction projects

Assistant Manager Randy Gillette said about 1 million gallons of water per day were being pumped out of the Monument Creek Exchange into Lake Woodmoor. The exchange is a pumping station that pumps surface water owned by the district. At times of high flows in Monument Creek, the district can pump water from it.

The new lake mixers were scheduled to be delivered mid-May. Mandatory adherence to the customer watering schedule begins on June 1. About 976 customers have signed up to receive email updates and reminders from the district.

President Barrie Town again suggested that WWSD needs to let its customers know what is happening within the district on a regular basis. Shaffer stated the WWSD used to provide a monthly newsletter to the customers called Pipeline. Town stated it would be a good idea to provide the newsletter again on a quarterly basis. Shaffer will bring a draft copy back to the board next month.

Shaffer said he received an invitation from the Woodmoor Improvement Association to a work session with developer La Plata Communities. La Plata purchased all the vacant land in and around Lake Woodmoor and plans to develop the lots. It will start on the east side with 13 to 18 lots and slowly develop the rest. The project is in the preliminary stage.

The next regular board meeting will be held at 1 p.m. June 13 at the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District Office, 1845 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. For information: 488-2525 or www.woodmoorwater.com.

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