

The 2012 audit has been completed and filed with the state. As of Dec. 30, 2012, the ending balance was \$1.3 million. Wildland profit from deployments in 2012 was \$135,000. The board voted unanimously to accept the audit.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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**Note:** Due to multiple outside fires in northern El Paso County since the Black Forest Fire, OCN contacted Assistant Chief Ridings for a statement on July 25. "There

has been one outside fire in the Wescott district, suspicious in nature. It is under investigation, along with three earlier outside fires within Fox Run Park, which is within the Tri-Lakes Fire Protection District. Both agencies are working with El Paso County Sheriff's Office to determine the exact cause. We have called in extra personnel to patrol the area during medium and high fire danger days. The firefighters have been instructed to patrol the Wescott district neighborhoods looking for any new fire starts. If residents see something suspicious, they should call the El Paso County Sheriff's Office."

**Correction:** In the July 6 issue, OCN should have attributed the statement, "CSFD are not wildfire-trained; it's not what they do.... But it was great to have (their) support," to Chairman Scott Campbell, a Colorado Springs city manager, not Capt. Sean Pearson.

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The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Aug. 20 at Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Drive, with a pension board meeting at starting at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of the month. Information: 488-8680.

Lisa Hatfield can be reached at [lisahatfield@ocn.me](mailto:lisahatfield@ocn.me).



**Above:** Tanner Finnicum, left, was sworn in by Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Director Harland Baker as a new full member volunteer for Wescott on July 16. Wescott's Chief, Vinny Burns (right), presented Finnicum with a black helmet front piece, which signifies to firefighters in the field that he has more training than a probationary member with an orange front piece. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

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**WASTEWATER GRANT (cont. from page 1)**

The \$1 million design and construction grant has no restrictions—no matching fund or property taxation requirements.

Final execution of these state grants will require further negotiations and approval by the state Grants

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and Loans Unit of a specific work plan, scope of work, and budget for the Tri-Lakes nutrient equipment project. These grants are good for three years because of the extended time required to plan, design, and gain local/county/state design approval for the plant expansion, construct the new nutrient removal capital plant additions, and adjust the plant's unique biological nutrient removal process for optimum performance for final state project approval. All construction and documentation must be completed, audited, and approved by Sept. 1, 2016.

The Tri-Lakes facility is not a special district. The facility operates as a separate public utility entity and is jointly owned, in equal one-third shares, by Monument Sanitation District, Palmer Lake Sanitation District, and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District. The Palmer Lake district's current TABOR state grant limit is also about \$50,000—10 percent of its annual \$500,000 budget. Woodmoor's current TABOR state grant limit is about \$600,000—10 percent of its annual \$6 million budget.

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Because the Tri-Lakes facility is not a special district and has no constituents and no taxing authority, the state cannot award the planning and construction grants directly to the facility under existing state grant rules.

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