

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

April 10, 2023

Regular Board meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call: James Brown, Chelsea Hamilton, Preston Rea, Tom Arthur Misti Witt, Tony Harwig, Josh Lorenzen, Brad Egger, Scot Davis, Laura Rodriguez, and guests.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the March 13, 2023, board meeting, seconded and approved.

A motion was made to pay the bills, seconded, and approved.

Public comment: Tracey Mickey spoke about a meeting being held at the Oxford Grange regarding the condition of the roads in our area. County Commission Matt Salka, who represents District 3 will be at the meeting to discuss this.

Ray Prda asked if the District had started control burns for people on the list. Chief Harwig replied that we have not due to the crew just starting and they are still in training. We have several new members.

James Brown made an apology to Chief Harwig.

Also, Bud has been asked to come and do a Board training after the May meeting.

Board Training: Captain Owens reviewed the gas monitors.

James updated the Board regarding the search for a new fire committee. The committee consisted of James (Board President) Preston Rea (Board Secretary), Kirk Phillips (Police Chief for IPD), Clark Craig (Ignacio Mayor) Dixie Melton (Ignacio Family Medicine) Jim Owens (employee of Los Pinos Fire). The committee went through all the qualifications and asked Josh questions. He did meet and exceed the minimal qualifications.

It was the consensus of the Board to put the announcement in the newspaper.

Bud will put the 14-day notice in the newspaper.

The Board will vote on this officially at the next board meeting.

SUIT Tribe: No update.

Oxford Grange: Chelsea handed out copies of the addition to section 11 of the lease agreement to the Board to review. The Oxford Grange board has approved the addition. The document will be forwarded to Bud to add the lease as an addition.

Chief Egger: No policy updates.

The driveway at Station has been washed out. We have contacted the county and Red Willow regarding this.

We are having issues with the phone lines at Station 5.

Chief Lorenzen: We had the first review with the local RETAC for the EMTS grant for a new ambulance and now it will go to the state RETAC and the final review will be in May by the state. We will know in July if the state will put funding toward it. It will be two to three years out for a chassis. We were not successful with the Division of Fire Prevention and Control state grant that we have put into to pay for our physical. We budgeted for the physicals so are fine with that.

The training tower inspection will be on May 13th. It will last about 4 hours. Dan Dosch and Craig Fischer will meet with the inspector.

The dispatch CAD should be fully functional hopefully in three to four weeks, which will automatically download the times from dispatch into our reports. Also, we will have screens that will list the control burns.

Chief Davis: Volunteers: We have 11 active volunteers.

Drone program: No Update.

Fire Camp: We had three finish up with the fire camp. We have two that are coming on as junior volunteers.

Fire Chiefs Report:

Station 5 is now complete except for the generator being installed.

We are currently at 201 calls. Last year we were at 148.

The new P&L was reviewed.

We will be getting the annual ladder testing on Thursday.

Wildland Update: Dan Dosch is now running the wildland crew.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27.

Minutes approved by _____, President.

James Brown

May 8, 2023, Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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