

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Special Board Meeting

March 13, 2023

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

Roll Call: James Brown, Chelsea Hamilton, Preston Rea (Zoom), Misti Witt, Tony Harwig, Brad Egger, Scot Davis, Josh Lorenzen (Zoom) Laura Rodriguez, Tom Author 6:16 and guests.

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

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

Public comment: None

Board Training: Tour of the new engine.

Bud explained the reason for this resolution 2023-2. Rebecca was previously approved as the designated election official and it authorizes her and other district personnel to follow the procedures to carry out the election. This is due to having more candidates than vacancies and we must now have an election.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-2 concerning the 2023 election of directors, seconded and approved.

Fire Chief Harwig Retirement: Bud Smith stated that several years ago, the District put into place a succession plan with the goal of training people within the organization. The District has been in the process of training Josh Lorenzen to take over as Fire Chief. Bud's recommendation is that Districts board president appoint a search committee to review the job description and Josh's qualifications, background and experience. Then decide whether it's appropriate to name him as single finalist which the statute allows you to do; or decide to broaden your search and publish a job posting. James has started appointing a committee which will consist of three people from the public, another board member and a firefighter from the department. If the search committee recommends appointing Josh Lorenzen then it will be brought before the Board. If the Board accepts

A motion was made to approve the Board President to form a search for a new fire chief committee and bring their recommendation back to the Board in April, seconded and approved.

Bud also recommends that the succession plan be updated. The new chief and the Board be involved.

SUIT Tribe: Nothing new.

Oxford Grange: Chelsea and Tom met with Tracy and Crystal. They did come up with some verbiage to add to section 11 of the Lease agreement. Currently have not received any feedback from Tracey or Crystal on this.

Tender Chassis: Tom gave an update on the specs of the tender after inspecting the truck.

Chief Egger: No policy updates.

All the stations have Wi-Fi and station 4 now has cameras. Also, we had a pipe break at Station 4 and a roof is leaking.

The phone lines and the Fire alarm are working at Station 5.

Chief Lorenzen: Josh and Dan Dosch have been working with a company that does inspections for the WHP training towers. The proposal paperwork for the inspection has been sent and the inspection may happen early or at the end of May. It will cost around \$4500 for the inspection and travel expenses. They only make recommendations and do not have the authority to shut it down. We are going to be looking at a significant cost to replace paginate or we may go with stainless steel.

Chief Davis: Volunteers: We have 9 active volunteers.

Drone program: No Update.

Fire Camp: We have two more meetings. We have two that are coming on as junior volunteers.

Fire Chiefs Report:

We are currently at 160 calls. Last year we were at 148.

The February P&L is at 12% for total expenses so we are running good on that.

Wildland Update: John Gilbert applied for the Deputy Chief position with San Juan County and got the job. He has also been doing succession planning with Dan Dosch. We will be meeting with Dan to see if he wants to take on that role.

The Wildland Fire Academy is going on currently.

A motion was made to go into executive session as authorized per (f) 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., "Conference with an attorney for the local public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.", seconded and approved.

7:45 Executive Session

8:12 Regular session

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12.

Minutes approved by _____, President.

James Brown

April 10, 2023, Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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