

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

May 8, 2023

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

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the April 10, 2023, board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

Public comment: None.

Election Update: James read the election results currently as the following:

Tracey Mickey 63

Preston Rea 107

Chelsea Hamilton 109

Richard Swayze 51

Don Woodmansee 77

Thank you to everybody that ran. Next Tuesday is the deadline for the military votes to be in and then canvass board will sign the certification of results on Tuesday. After this the election will be deemed official. If there are any changes Rebecca will be making some phone calls but as it stands right now it is Preston, Chelsea and Donald that were elected. The oath of office will need to be signed before the next board meeting.

SUIT Tribe: No update.

Oxford Grange: Chelsea gave an update that they will be putting the cost sharing in writing and the calendar cleared up.

Chief Egger: No policy updates.

Maintenance Update: Station 1 and 5 parking lines have been painted. Red Willow cleaned up the bar ditch, brought in loads of gravel and graded our station 3.

The thermostat on the Grange side was replaced and Durango Electric will be getting us two quotes for subpanel and putting each outlet on a separate circuit.

We applied for the Safety loss and prevention grant for radio batteries, and we received the check. Currently we have used \$2,252.00 and have \$6,387.00 available.

Chief Lorenzen: **No** updates.

Chief Davis:

Volunteers: Everyone is up to date with their wildland stuff.

Drone program: Looking at a couple of options for financing a drone or a thermal camera for a drone. We will start drone training next Tuesday.

Fire Chiefs Report:

There was an open house held on April 29th for Station 5. There were around 50 to 75 people that attended. We will start staffing Station 5 on Sunday.

We are currently at 293 calls.

The new April P&L was reviewed. Income interest is up.

Wildland Update: Training is finished up for the new crew. We held a sawyer class. On May 1st the wildland staff broke in to two crews and will have coverage 7 days a week. This Thursday and Friday they will be deployed to do a burn in Beaver Meadows.

Bud spoke about how property values have gone up significantly throughout the state. The legislature and the governor have proposed some legislation to offer some relief. Hopefully it will go to the voters and it would require Districts to roll back their taxes to whatever the prior year's level was plus inflation. Although you could get additional taxes for new construction. Your budget is going to be uncertain until after the November election.

A motion was made go into executive session authorized per 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S., "Personnel matters except if the employee who is the subject of the executive session has requested an open meeting, or if the personnel matter involves more than one employee, all of the employees must request an open meeting.", seconded and approved.

6:33 Executive Session

7:12 Regular Session

A motion was made to hire Josh Lorenzen as the new Fire Chief for Los Pinos Fire starting on July 8, 2023, with a starting salary of \$120,000, seconded and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14.

Minutes approved by _____, President.

James Brown

June 12, 2023, Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Station#1, 275 Browning Avenue, Ignacio, CO