

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

February 8, 2021

Regular meeting called to order at 6:20 p.m.

Roll Call: Kirk Becker, James Brown, Chelsea Hamilton, Brad Egger, Tony Harwig, Mark Williams, Preston Rea, Josh Lorenzen, John Gilbert, David Smith, Zack Hartwig and Laura Rodriguez.

Amendments were made to the agenda as follows: Station 5 RFP and SUIT Contract moved after the Chief Report and Wildland Review added to New Business.

A motion was made to approve the amendments to the agenda, seconded and approved.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the January 11, 2021 board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

No public comment.

John Gilbert went over the 2020 Wildland Fire Season and shared a graph regarding reimbursements for previous years and the current year.

We had 27 assignments which were all reimbursable. We had 8,688 man hours with four people.

We had a record-breaking fire season in Colorado with three largest wildfires in CO history.

A video was shown regarding the fire season. We are in the process of moving out of Station 5 to Station 2.

Chief Egger spoke about the SIMCOE right away agreement. There is a pipeline that runs across the property. BP had a 25-year agreement with the previous owner of the maintenance yard. The agreement has been sent to Bud to review. They would like to have another 25-year agreement regarding this.

The security cameras did come in. The new exterior door locks have been ordered for all stations and some interior doors at Station 1.

The Division of Fire Prevention & Control had been shut down for state for written testing the month of January due to COVID restrictions. They have reopened testing. We have nine employees that need tests set-up with the state. In March we will have those lined out. We will be losing our regional proctor from the state who administers these tests at the end of June. We do not know who the replacement will be.

We will be adding Apparatus and Driver Operating Training for all our apparatus.

We had a hiring assessment today for our Volunteer Coordinator position. We had five applicants and had three go through the process. We will be going through the results of that process this week.

Hopefully, we have a determination on making an offer to that individual for that position.

A Create Grant through the Southwest RETAC has been completed and submitted. The Create Grant is an educational and training grant. They give money to Colorado entities for educational opportunities. We have an individual on staff who is going to be applying for the paramedic program with a start date of July 1st. The grant was submitted on her behalf to help with tuition costs.

In conjunction with the health department and the town of Ignacio we ran a mock vaccination clinic this Saturday. We ran 24 people through a drive through vaccination clinic in 45 minutes. We ran two cars at a time. The town will be using the high school for future vaccination clinics. We do not have dates for those clinics yet. The Southern Ute Tribe is running vaccination clinics two days this week on Wednesday and Thursday.

Chiefs Report:

We are at 81 calls compared to 96 last year.

The P&L for January is right online.

The insurance adjuster was here today and looked at ladder 82 and will give us a report within the next 7 days and let us know how to proceed.

The employee representative council had its first meeting last month. We talked about what this group is for. We discussed employee physicals.

AFG grant is not happening. We were going for a generator system for the building but it did not qualify.

The tribal council met on February 3rd and the new tribal council was updated matters and they had some questions. So, on Friday Bud, Chief Harwig, tribal attorney's David Smith and Anthony Maestas had a conference call to discuss this. The PILT payment and equipment needs of the District was also discussed. Tribal Chairman Mel Baker wants to be the representative for the Tribe and will start attending the Districts board meetings. Tribal Council would like to meet with Board or some representatives of the Board.

David Smith mentioned that he plans to reach out to La Plata and Archuleta regarding the PILT payments.

The RFP that Bud wrote up was discussed along with the process that needs to take place next. James Brown volunteered to be involved with this process. The next step is to have Chief Harwig finalize the RFP, get it published, get some candidates, bring back a contract to approve, hire an architect. Then start the conceptual design, get proposals from construction managers and general contractors. Lastly, come up with a final price from the general contractor with a contract.

It was a consensus of the Board to go with this suggestion from Bud.

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

Executive session 7:22 p.m.

Regular session 7:33 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.

Minutes approved by _____, President.

Kirk Becker

March 8, 2021 Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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