

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

January 11, 2021

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

Roll Call: Kirk Becker, James Brown, Preston Rea, Mark Williams, Chelsea Hamilton, Tony Harwig, Brad Egger, Greg Childress, and Laura Rodriguez.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the December 14, 2020 board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

No public comment.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-1 Establishing a Time & Place for Regular & Special Meetings, seconded and approved.

Chief Egger updated the Board that the security cameras for station 3,4 and 5 have been ordered. They are the same brand as Station 1, but we are getting the upgraded cameras because the other version was not available. We are still getting quotes for the electronic locks for the doors.

We purchased two trucks from Advantage. Troy got bids from Advantage and Morehart.

Advantage had two trucks available which we purchased for \$31,000 each and we purchased the extended warranty which was \$3,000 for each.

Brad gave an overview for outfitting the trucks with radio's, lightbars and sirens. Digitcom in Durango will install everything. We are also looking at purchasing headsets for the radios for both trucks which can add another \$8,000 to the cost but having them is like night and day when running a scene.

Chief Childress announced that we have a new volunteer, Rustin Bartel. He works for Durango full time and lives in Oxford. He is trained and experienced. Rustin did respond to his first call last Thursday.

We have had a handful of employees miss work due to having to be quarantined due to exposure.

We are currently part of a team that is putting together the community COVID POD. We are working with Dixie Melton, Mark Garcia with the town, Rocco with the high school and IPD. We will be providing the location and will stand by for anyone who might have a reaction to the vaccine. It is still early and we will be having another meeting where we will get more details. This will be for 70-year-olds and older and it will be a drive thru.

The hiring for the two new positions has closed. We have three applicants for the Deputy Chief and five applicants for the Volunteer Coordinator which all are from the Four Corners area. We have emailed the applicants for the Deputy Chief with some written assignments to do and they will submit it back to us.

We plan to fill the Deputy Chief position by February 8th so they can be involved in hiring the Volunteer Coordinator. The Volunteer Coordinator assessment will be February 9th.

Greg plans to stay on as an Administrative Volunteer for trainings and as an instructor which he will do remotely from Florida.

Bud is drafting another letter to David Smith and will send that tomorrow.

Chiefs Report:

We are at 24 calls. We ran 889 calls last year which was on the low end. We were planning on that which is probably due to COVID and not doing controlled burns like we usually do.

The end of the year P&L was reviewed. We went above on income by 16% due to selling trucks and grants. The expenses we were at 91% at what we budgeted. We had budgeted to go over by one million, but we went to over by \$600,000.

The employee representative council has been formed. We have our first meeting tomorrow morning. The first project will be annual physicals. We have a bid from a company that wants to come and do our physicals.

We received the new Employee Policy Manual that we will be going through.

The new compressor has been ordered.

The La Plata County Dive Team bought our old compressor for \$4,000.

Bud reviewed why we have the Resolution Authorizing Integrated Project Delivery for the Los Pinos Fire Protection District Station 5 Remodel Project. The legislation recognized that there was a more efficient and cost-effective way to do the bid process. They authorized the Special Districts to use the Integrated project delivery method. With this process you can eliminate change orders and get input from the contractor. First select an architect which prepares a conceptual plan which is about 10% of what a full design would be then based on that, publish a request for proposals from qualified general contractors. The Board or staff would review and then decide which firm is the best for the job based on what they submitted. They began working with the architect and owner to create the final design which does not have to be 100%. The contractor will produce a guaranteed maximum price and then enter into final construction contract. The statutes says since you do not have to go through the process of advertising for bids you do have to go through a competitive selection process by seeking proposals and publishing a request for proposals or RFP. This is only done when it is authorized.

The Board approved the Resolution Authorizing Integrated Project Delivery for the Los Pinos Fire Protection District Station 5 Remodel Project, seconded and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Minutes approved by _____, President.

Kirk Becker

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

Station#1, 275 Browning Avenue, Ignacio, CO