

# Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

## March 8, 2021

Regular meeting called to order at 6:11 p.m.

Roll Call: Kirk Becker, James Brown, Preston Rea, Brad Egger, Tony Harwig, Mark Williams, Scot Davis, Josh Lorenzen, Chelsea Hamilton, Bud Smith and Laura Rodriguez.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the February 8, 2021 board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

No public comment.

### **Station 5 RFP**

This week was the deadline to turn in their presentations and offers for Station 5. We had three turn in a packet. We interviewed all three. The interviews were attended by Chief Harwig, James Brown and Josh Lorenzen. The bids from the architects were reviewed with the Board by Chief Harwig and James. The bids were close to each other. We would like to decide tonight. They are all highly qualified. Chamberlain is out of Grand Junction. SEH is local, they have a grant writer and everybody is inhouse. Reynolds is also local. We should have a preliminary drawing in April and then hire a general contractor.

A motion was made to have Chief Harwig award the project to SEH for \$83, 500, seconded and approved.

Bud gave an update regarding the SUIT and PILT payments. Last year the county diverted PILT money to build a Search and Rescue building. This was a concern to David Smith the Tribal attorney. The confusion probably came about because the county receives two kinds of PILT revenue. PILT from the SUIT is based on a taxation compact and the purpose of that contract was to provide funding for taxing districts that was being lost as the Tribe acquired properties that were formerly on the tax rolls. Each year the assessor prepares a list of these PILT properties which have been removed and are now owned by the Tribe. The assessed values for those properties are sent to the tribe which the Tribe sends a check to the county for payment or they can protest. The Federal PILT revenue payment in lieu of taxes which comes from the Federal Government is appropriated each year by Congress. The purpose of this money is to offset tax revenue that cannot be generated in the county because the amount of property owned by the Federal government is so substantial. This money was never earmarked for the Districts and did not come from the tribe so once we get this issue out of the way, we can get these discussions back on track and get a finalized agreement. Hopefully at the April meeting we will have something concrete to report on and get the Boards approval.

### **Fire Marshal Egger**

The new door locks are all installed except for Station 2.

### **Deputy Chief Lorenzen**

We will be conducting a reserve hiring this Friday. We have four candidates.

We were successful with receiving the Create Grant. The Create Grant is an educational and training grant. The state bases the amount on a total amount on the average cost of a paramedic program and they give you 50% of the cost. We will be getting around \$4,400 to give to firefighter Southworth for paramedic school. This will be reimbursed after the successful completion of the program. She will start that program in July.

No new COVID updates. The Town and the Tribe continue doing vaccination clinics. The Town will be doing a total of 1,000 vaccinations this weekend.

Chief Davis showed a power point presentation which he presented at his interview and reviewed why the volunteer program will work and why we can do it. Priorities and what things we need to hit first was discussed with Chief Harwig and Josh. A mind map was shown starting with operational and non- operational. Mind maps are a great way to visually create a mapping strategy of where we are going and what we are doing.

**Chiefs Report:**

We are at 147 calls compared to 151 last year.

The P&L for February, we are doing fine.

SCBA compressor is here and Phillips Electric will be coming this Wednesday to hook it up. The Bauer representative will be coming Wednesday and Thursday.

The Safer grant is due on Monday for the volunteer program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39p.m.

Minutes approved by \_\_\_\_\_, President.

**Kirk Becker**

**April 12, 2021, 2021 Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

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