

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

November 9, 2020

Regular meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m.

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

An award presentation was held to recognize all the firefighters involved in rescuing a man from a sewage tank on a truck.

Guests: Clark and Sharon Craig.

Chief Harwig thanked Clark and Sharon Craig for heading up the Citizens Committee for our election. We appreciate everything you did for us.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the October 12, 2020 board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

No public comment.

Kirk talked about updating the website with pictures of the board and providing an employee roster with a picture. We used to have the Board and employees' pictures on the website.

Chief Egger is working on an employee picture wall which will include the Board members. We will also be updating the website as well. Board members and employees have the option to include a picture with a bio or just have their name on the website.

We heard from David Smith the attorney for the tribe this week regarding the agreement and he said for now everything is on hold due to the tribal council election. It will probably be in December when we hear anything.

Chief Harwig reviewed the changes to the budget due to the mill levy getting passed which will go into effect January 1st. The Gallagher got voted out, but it will not be going down. Our revenue was going to be \$1,409,000 now we will have just over three million. The Districts average budget from 2008 – 2013 was around four million. So, we are still short one million then what we were 7 to 8 years ago. Now that we are funded, we can add the three full-time personnel and add one to each shift. The response will look like it is right now where the crew meets here daily. Then depending on what is going on for the day or where we predict our call volume to be, we will staff an ambulance in that area for the day.

When we replace Greg's position it will be at the Deputy Chief level with a volunteer coordinator beneath him. So, we are looking at adding 5 career people which includes Greg's position. The Capital replacement plan will be provided to the Board at the next meeting or before. As far as a pay adjustment that depends on the state salary survey.

Chief Egger talked about the Taste of Christmas parade that is being held on December 4th. We have been asked to haul Santa this year on the ladder truck. We will be decorating the truck and the building. Also, the parade will be going down Browning as well as Goddard.

Chief Harwig mentioned the Tribe will be holding another COVID testing at the bowling alley parking lot. It will be on December 5th and 6th.

Chief Harwig gave an update for Chief Childress. He is having another volunteer zoom meeting this week.

He is building a job description and the testing process for the Deputy Chief and Volunteer Coordinator. We plan to post those positions around Thanksgiving and leave it open until Christmas. Then have testing around the first weeks in January. Greg will stay on until he feels comfortable with the new person.

We had elevator training at the Casino. Brad took us through all the elevators.

Josh will be doing ladder training next week.

The new sign has been put up at the training yard that Ryan Mulay worked on.

We did not get the Safer Grant. This was the four-year grant for \$900,000.

We did not get the grant for the third Lucas device. We can resubmit for this grant. We are looking at items for the Zoom meetings like microphones and cameras.

Chiefs Report:

We are at 770 calls. We do have one person out on quarantine.

Chief Harwig asked the Board if we can get some gift cards at local businesses for the Craigs as a thank you. They did pay with their own money for some more election signs. It was a consensus of the Board to get them gift cards.

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 8:00 p.m.

Regular session 8:35 p.m.

Bud explained that the SOT tax is a tax collected from vehicle registration on a county wide basis. The revenue we receive from the tax could double due to the mill levy increase and depending on people buying new vehicles.

Bud congratulated everyone on the election. He is glad the District is going to have the resources to work with and make the department even stronger.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Minutes approved by _____, President.

Kirk Becker

December 14, 2020 Budget Hearing at 6:00 p.m. Regular board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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