

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

October 12, 2020

Regular meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

No public comment.

Chief Harwig reviewed the preliminary budget. Our assessed valuation went down, and we basically will be getting \$899,000. It could go up just a bit due to this was an estimate from La Plata County. So, our revenue is at \$1,409,000. San Juan County wants to renegotiate our contract with them due to their budget getting cut in half.

Bud has sent an email to David Smith the tribes attorney. It was pretty much the previous agreement for the \$500,000 and he also suggested make-up payments of \$250,000. That has been 3 weeks ago.

Chief Egger presented the Board with the SOP for the Non-Emergency Fee Schedule which went into effect October 1st. This is to recover costs for non-emergency services such as the inspections etc. that we have not charged for in the past. We did not get the Firehouse Grant which was for thermal imaging cameras.

Chief Childress said we have 2 active volunteers and they are getting about a day a week to help with projects. He has been working on a user-friendly spread sheet that will track activities of the volunteers and provide information to the public.

We have received the Lucas devices and we did a in service training. They are now on the ambulances.

We were able to conduct a practical exam for Firefighter 1 and 2 earlier this month and everyone was successful.

Also, we were able to get a bit of positive PR in the newspaper. We are very thankful to the members of our organization that were willing to be interviewed for that. We were pleased that there was a positive finish to what started out as a negative circumstance. So, if you have not seen the article and we would recommend you read it. The Herald called and wanted to do an article on us. Greg recommend the idea for this article.

50%. We will have put in \$14,000. These devices have become an industry standard. We do not have to have someone standing up doing CPR going 65 down the road.

Chiefs Report:

We are at 700 calls. We were at 755 calls same time last year so, we are down 55 calls.

The crew is still healthy.

We have received money for the first quarter for the DOLA grant for the supplemental employee and have applied for the for the 2nd quarter which is around \$30,000 which we are waiting to get approved. It is sure to have the sixth employee and some days with the volunteers we have seven.

DOLA came out with a second round for the CARES Act money so we are applying for another Lucas device which if approved will be paid 100%. Greg applied for three devices but we only got two. We try to keep all three ambulances the same so no matter what ambulance you are on it is the same and you do not have to move equipment.

The FEMA AFG Grant did get approved. It is for \$140,000 and we match 5%. Craig Fischer is working on getting bids on the Cascade system and Cathcart is working on the extrication tools. No word on the Safter Grant it is the one for the volunteer program.

Chief Harwig brought a question before the Board if we should continue with the Grant writing company. The contract is up so we need to decide to continue with them. They wrote the two large grants. The Board agreed to stay with grant writing company one more year.

The wildland crew is back from the California assignment safe and sound. We did go to the fire at Purgatory. This Friday will be the last day for our two seasonal employees. Chief will meet with them

The VFA grant for \$8,000 was approved and we have sent in invoices for reimbursement.

Chief Harwig thanked everyone one for helping with putting election signs out.

Chief Harwig will be using his personal cell phone from now on.

Chief Harwig went over in detail the pay scale for the firefighters.

A motion was made to go into executive session as authorized per CRS 24-6-402(4)(e): for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators, seconded and approved.

Executive session 7:58 p.m.

Regular session 8.15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes approved by _____, Vice-President.

Mark Williams

Next regular board meeting will be November 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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