

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

April 11, 2022

Regular Board meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call: James Brown, Chelsea Hamilton, Preston Rea, Tom Arthur, Brad Egger, Scot Davis, Tony Harwig, Bud Smith, Mark Williams, Laura Rodriguez Guests: Misty Witt and Los Pinos Fire employees.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the March 14, 2022, board meeting, seconded and approved.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the March 17, 2022, board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

James read the Public Comments decorum.

Public comment

Misty Witt – 9598 Hwy 172. Is the Oxford Grange on the agenda? I think it is important that the Board meet with the Oxford Grange and go over contract. Oxford Grange has been tabled until we can gather more information.

Chief Harwig added Physicals to Chiefs report.

New Business

The Petition for Inclusion Resolution has been tabled due to the citizen not getting paperwork turned in which is under Chief Eggers report.

We had the auditor here for the 2021 audit. It went smoothly. He had nothing to report. Our auditor is retiring so this is his last year. So, we will have to hire a new auditor. We can put out an RFP or just hire an auditor.

Station 5 Update

The underground plumbing is all in and the water line is in that will run the sprinkler system. The driveway has been moved about 30 feet so we can have pull in parking. They put in a radon system. They should be pouring by the end of next week and framing may start at the end of next week.

SUIT Tribe

We did receive a payment from the SUIT tribe. Bud recommended that the Board approve the agreement since the format of it has been approved. Also, the starting date is May 1st and the Board won't meet again before that. We are waiting for the tribe to decide on an amount and an escalator clause that is approved and ready to go which would mean the District would get the first payment of \$250,000 on August 1st and get another payment in February of next year.

A motion was made to approve the SUIT memorandum of agreement, seconded and approved.

Fire Marshal Egger

Policy update: Policies 1009-1010 were reviewed and just items were reworded.

The Board reviewed the Inclusion cost and instructions. It shows the steps that a property owner would need to take and the cost of this process. Bud will write up a policy.

Chief Davis

Volunteer Update: We are wrapping up Fire 1. We will be doing live fire for 3 weeks and doing JPR's (job performance requirements) on the 30th. Then we will schedule the written exam.

We have some new young volunteers. Elizabeth and Christian third generation firefighter. Also, Nick Luca and Thomas Palmer and a father son moving into our district. The father was hired as Durango Fires new volunteer coordinator. He comes from South Metro with years of experience.

We have three spots that have been given to us through Upper Pine Fire for an EMT Basic class for free in June. We have three of our volunteers taking this class.

Drone Update: Worked with Bud to get the certificate of authorization. With that type of coverage there is no type of distinction in lands underneath the air. It is like water. Once you are in the FAA air space and if are approved to fly in it you can fly in it. You do have to have a reason to fly over someone's property. We won't be the only department flying drones. We would like to have two pilots trained on each crew.

Fire Chiefs Report:

Wildland Update: We have all eight of our people on duty. They are going through their training and working controlled burns. The crew will be splitting into two teams and covering seven days a week.

The P&L is at 20.03% so we are well under our projected budget.

The annual dinner is going to be at Seven Rivers on April 30th and we have reserved a two-hour block from 5-7. Each employee and the Board will get a gift card and we have reserved 80 spots.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40

Minutes approved by _____, President.

James Brown

**May 9, 2022, Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Station#1, 275 Browning Avenue, Ignacio, CO**