

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

August 8, 2022

Regular Board meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Roll Call: James Brown, Chelsea Hamilton, Tony Harwig, Preston Rea, Tom Arthur, Misti Witt, Josh Lorenzen, Scot Davis, Brad Egger, Jim Owens, and Laura Rodriguez.

James called for a moment of silence for Durango Firefighters Leo Lloyd and Scott Gallagher who lost their lives.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the July 11, 2022, board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

A change to the agenda was made to add new board member Misti Witt to the bank accounts under New Business.

Public comment: James attended a case review with Dr. Vivolo. It was an awesome experience and didn't realize what all the crews do every day. They have to think on the move and make life-changing decisions. He highly recommended to the Board to try and attend one.

New Business: James stated that we will add new board member Misti Witt to all the Los Pinos Fire bank accounts as a signer.

Fire Insurance Presentation: Cancelled.

Board Training Session: Captain Owens went over the LifePak15 with the Board.

Cancer Benefit Trust Repayment Agreement: The reimbursement agreement for the CO Cancer Firefighter Program was signed by James Brown.

SUIT Tribe: A letter was drafted and signed by James. Bud sent the letter to the attorney for the tribe and Sunshine who is the office manager for tribal council.

Board Procedures: Board procedures tabled.

Oxford Grange: James met with Clyde and went over some items that were agreed upon by a handshake. James sent the documents shared with Clyde to Tracy Mickey. Tom and James will meet with the Oxford grange on Wednesday.

Fire Marshal Egger

Policy update: None

Chief Davis

Volunteer Update: We currently have 10 volunteer and two are new.

We will be starting an exterior firefighter course in September.

Drone Update: We are still waiting to hear back from the FAA. Also, have started working with Upper Pine and have copies of their SOP's.

Working on an auction SOP and built pages on our website for items that we want to auction. When we put items on auction the item will on the website for 28 days, 24 hours to pay and 7 days to pick it up.

Fire Chiefs Report:

Wildland Update: Both of our crews are in South Dakota. They originally went to Wyoming.

We did get the VFA grant. It's for wildland equipment for around \$10,000. We pay for it and get reimbursed.

We will have one board member attending the SDA conference in Keystone and one board member attending virtually.

They have insulation up, the windows in and they started the rock work at station 5.

Emergency Responses: We are at 529 calls

The July P&L was reviewed and we are at 55% for our expenses.

When we prepare the budget this year, we are going to work on a list of expenses we may have to cut if we are for example \$500,000 over budget. This is to prepare for future years.

Chief Lorenzen: grant per House Bill 1194 passed and gave d 5 million dollars to DFPC for purchasing firefighter personal protective equipment to include structural and wildland. We have submitted the application and will find out in mid-September if we get any funding from that.

Senate Bill 225 was passed by the state of Colorado and this is in reference ambulance licensing. We have licensed our ambulances for years through the La Plata and Archuleta county but now it will go through the state of Colorado and they will set the standards.

It will go into effect no later than January 2024. This is important to us because the counties can opt out of taking part in the licensing process and the problem is that any private ambulance service can come and set up and run an ambulance service. The La Plata County EMS council is working with the county commissioners and the county to ensure that they stay on board with the licensing board once this is finalized with the state.

The airport will be closed from September 7th – 16th. We may be called to help Durango with non-emergency transports to Farmington and in the area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14.

Minutes approved by _____, President.

James Brown

**September 12, 2022, Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Station#1, 275 Browning Avenue, Ignacio, CO**