

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Special Board Meeting

February 13, 2023

Regular Board meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Chelsea added Tender chassis update under Old Business.

Roll Call: Chelsea Hamilton, Preston Rea, Tom Arthur, Misti Witt, James Brown (Zoom), Tony Harwig, Josh Lorenzen, Brad Egger, Scot Davis, , John Gilbert (Zoom) Laura Rodriguez and guests.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the January 13, 2023, board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

Public comment: None

Board Training: Beau Mattison demonstrated to the Board how the Thermal Imaging Camera's work.

Tom spoke about the chassis for the new tender. The truck is in Utah. Tom reached out to see if he could authorization to have the truck's transmission reprogrammed. Troy, Johnny, and Tom will plan to go next week and look at the truck.

SUIT Tribe: Nothing new.

Oxford Grange: Chelsea and Tom met with Tracy and Crystal. They focused on section 11 of the Lease agreement. The Grange will continue what they are doing with the meetings and cleaning. It was discussed adding a tab for the Oxford Grange on the District's website that shows the events that are scheduled and public announcements. Also, having an online lease form that once it is filled out a copy goes to us and to the Grange. When the board changed at the Grange it discovered that they cannot make donations but can have fundraisers for the District. They would like to do one to purchase an AED for the Oxford station. Also, the breaker overloading was discussed and putting a second panel will be checked into. There will be another meeting at the end of the month to confirm what the addition to the lease agreement will state.

Chief Egger: No policy updates.

Chief Lorenzen: We are updating the ambulance fee schedule for 2023. Medicare adjusts this every year based on the ambulance inflation factor and geographic regions. It went up 12% and this will be on the base rate. The last update was in 2021. It was brought before the Board to approve the new billing fee schedule.

A motion was made to approve the new ambulance rates, seconded and approved.

Chief Davis: Volunteers: We have 8 active volunteers. We have two new volunteers. Camille and her husband Paul. Camille will be doing administrative work. She worked for 17 years for Bozeman Fire. Paul has past firefighter and EMT experience.

We have finished up with the Emergency Vehicle Operator Class. We have started our exterior firefighter program two weeks ago.

Drone program: Update the same as last time but have the instructional manual finished.

Fire Camp: We have three Ignacio high school students participating in the fire camp.

Fire Chiefs Report:

Station 5: The contractors are wrapping up doing the fixes that we asked them to do such as redoing the sheetrock. The next step is the phone and fire systems.

We are currently at 105 calls. Last year we were at 89.

The January P&L is spot on.

A CD with Community Banks of Colorado was closed. The Board agreed to move these funds to the Colorado Trust account.

A motion was made to move \$ 583,264 from the operating account to the Colorado Trust account, seconded and approved.

Chelsea spoke about doing a presentation for the District discussing different strategies of what to do with money. Also, would like to do this with the Board and open it up to the employees.

Engine Update: Zack gave an update on the engines. The trucks are good. There were just some minor issues. They are currently in Fredericksburg and the electronics are getting mounted. They should be here at the end of this week or the beginning of next week.

Wildland Update: Johnny had 29 applicants and has made job offers to four applicants.

We are currently looking at stainless steel siding for the training tower. We have put in for a grant to help with the cost of this.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

Minutes approved by _____, President.

James Brown

March 13, 2023, Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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