

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

July 11, 2022

Regular Board meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

We need to move public comment under pay bills and the burn permit policy will be moved under New Business.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the June 13, 2022, board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

Public comment: None.

New Business:

Public Comment: We have had discussions about the public comment during our board meetings. We have done quite a bit of research on what other Special Districts do. The majority have the public comment held at the beginning of the meeting and no more comments should be made after that. Bud suggested developing a public comment policy which can be posted on the website and can be included in the board procedures. We will come up short statement that states this is your time to speak on agenda items and once the public comment closes no more comments.

Directors' laptop: James brought before the Board if they would be interested in getting laptops for the Board due to all the documents that have to be printed for the board meetings. Other Boards have been provided laptops and over time this would save on paper and ink. Research will be done on cost and what is available. Also, will check with the school district if they have old student laptops available to sell.

Burn Permit/Committee: Brad gave some background on the permit process. In 2002 the state enacted that open burning would need to be permitted. That is when it fell to the counties to either do it or it goes to the Division of Fire Prevention and Control. Our county decided to do it themselves and put it on each District to come up with their own permitting process. Technically we do follow the state regulations of permitting. There is nothing in the state or county regulations that state you must have a paper permit. We just need to track when, what and who is burning. That is what we do now. We get our authority to give or not give a permit through the fire code that the county adopts. In our policies we have a permit section that follows the fire code word for word.

James congratulated Chief Harwig on his 3-year anniversary which was last Friday.

Station 5: Tony and Brad met with Darren last Friday and is excited how it is looking. Worked on a few things with him.

SUIT Tribe: Bud suggested to reach out to tribal council again with a letter.

Bylaws: Bylaws tabled. Public comment will be added to the board procedure manual.

A motion was made to keep the Board seats as they are currently, seconded and approved.

Oxford Grange: When we met with Clyde last year, he mentioned some items that were agreed upon by a handshake and these items need to be considered. We want to clean up the Oxford Grange agreement and we will be setting up a meeting with the Grange to discuss this.

Chief Lorenzen: The state EMTS grant for the two Lucas devices and the two ultrasounds was successful. The state is going to give \$17,141.80 and we will match that. We are just waiting for the official letter to come and then we will get started on that.
We have submitted the

Fire Marshal Egger

Policy update: None

Chief Davis

Volunteer Update: Working on a \$5,000 grant through the International Association of Fire Chiefs which is for putting together fire camps for perspective volunteers.

Drone Update: We are still waiting to hear back from the FAA.

Fire Chiefs Report:

Wildland Update: Wildland is very busy. Chief read a report from Johnny. We have a crew on engine eighty-eight in Ft. Worth, TX. Brush 88 continues to be supporting BIA. Johnny is the acting Fire Management Officer for the tribe. The unofficial tabulation for income is just over \$200,000 in income. They have worked 8,193-man hours.

Emergency Responses: We are at 452 calls.

The July P&L we are at 47.5%. The utilities are at 55% and apparatus repairs are at 64%.

The SDA conference in Keystone is September 12th through the 15th. The registration is open. The conference is \$375 and they also have a virtual option for \$175.

Chief Harwig would like to start doing a 15-minute training for the Board. It can about the new Lucas device or a tour of the ambulance. You are also welcome to attend a case review when the medical director comes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52

Minutes approved by _____, President.

James Brown

**August 8, 2022, Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Station#1, 275 Browning Avenue, Ignacio, CO**