

# Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

## October 10, 2022

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

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the September 12, 2022, board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

**Public comment:** Zack gave update on the new engines.

A change to the agenda was made to move the 2023 budget first reading under Chief's Report at the end.

Chief Harwig reminded the Board about the FAMLI act which has been discussed previously. It is a family medical leave insurance program that will begin in January 2023. The Board was given a packet on this to review. The Board will decide to participate and vote on this at the November meeting. As a local government we can refuse to participate as an employer, but the employee can participate if they choose to. We will have to let the state know if we are going to opt in, opt out or partially be in it.

Tom attended the SDA conference in October and a wide variety of subjects were covered. He did learn a lot and spoke with sponsors.

Todd our auditor, has retired and he brought two representatives from Frederick Zink & Associates to meet with Chief Harwig, Tom and Laura. They have bought Todd's business. They are a local company and their bid is going to be about the same as what Todd billed us. Also, their set up is basically the same, therefore we will understand it. Chief Harwig recommended we go with them and Tom agreed. Preston and Misti also know the company. It was a consensus of the Board to go with Frederick Zink & Associates to conduct our audit.

**SUIT Tribe:** No update.

**Board Procedures:** Tabled until next month.

**Oxford Grange:** Tom gave an update on the last meeting they had with the Grange. We have provided the Grange with our insurance information. They have not responded back with their insurance information or the changes they wanted to make to the rental agreement. It was agreed that Chief Harwig would send a letter to them regarding this and remind them to send copies of rental agreements to us. Tom will reach out to Tracey as well.

**Chief Egger:** The La Plata County Fire Codes are still in the county commissioner's hands. The FCRRRC which is the fire marshals, building inspectors and everyone that went through the 2015 fire codes, have requested changes but are still waiting on the county commissioners to vote on the requested changes.

Currently we are using the 2006 code but once we hear back, we will have to make changes to the inspections county wide to meet the 2015 codes. The next step will be to meet with the town to adopt the 2015 codes.

**Chief Lorenzen:** No updates.

**Chief Davis:** **Volunteers: Have** been struggling with attendance. Will be working on expectations from senior and junior volunteer firefighters.

**Drone program:** Still waiting on FAA.

**Fire Chiefs Report:**

**Wildland Update: John Gilbert** Did a review of the wildland season. Our crew is back from California last Wednesday. Closing on Lane's worker' comp. Hunter's last day Wednesday. We still have three on and their last day on 10/21. We're going to start winterizing everything and will be keeping a truck up.

**Station 5:** Chief Harwig shared pictures of the progress at Station.

**Emergency Responses:** We are at 708 calls which is down 10% from last year.

The September P&L was reviewed and we are at 74.15% for our expenses.

The 2023 Budget was reviewed in detail with the Board. The pay scales for all staff were reviewed. We are also working on a pay scale for the reserves. The capital outlay needs were also reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07.

Minutes approved by \_\_\_\_\_, President.

**James Brown**

**November 14, 2022, Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

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