

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

August 12, 2024

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

Roll Call: Preston Rea, Chelsea Hamilton, James Brown, Don Woodmansee, Josh Lorenzen, Jim Owens, Tom Arthur, Brad Egger and Laura Rodriguez.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the July 8, 2024 board meeting with the addendum that the Board approved a performance based 5% raise for Fire Chief Lorenzen, seconded and approved.

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

Public comment: None.

We are looking at potentially moving funds from the Allspring money market to the CO Trust Edge account at the beginning of October. We were advised by CO Trust due to the Edge account having a longer yield and higher interest rate.

Oxford Grange: A meeting with Oxford Grange will be scheduled to review the lease agreement.

Chief Egger: Policy Update: Reviewed policies 321-404 with no changes.

Maintenance: The generator came in, concrete has been poured, and the gas line is in. The electrical will be completed next week for this project and the electrical work for Station 2. We received a new quote for the electrical work at Station 2 of \$2,875. This went up \$500 due to the cost of copper.

Events: Demolition Derby this weekend on the 17th, possibly cover events for 4 Corners Rally August 30th & 31st, SUIT Fair September 6th - 8th.

Chief Owens:

The tank has been delivered and they are still working on removing the tank. We may be able to get the wildland crew to pick it up on their back from a fire.

The new utility is getting a front bumper, headache rack and tonneau cover installed. The striping and graphics will be done by a company from Mancos.

Engine 84 was sold for \$3, 850 on the Gov Deal website.

We have two new hires. One is from San Juan County and is starting this week. The other hire is a paramedic from Texas and will start in September. We have two new EMT's hired on as reserves.

Fire Chiefs Report:

We are at 694 responses this year; we are up 21% from last year.

The July P&L is looking decent overall for this month. We are at 51 % for our expenses. We received the PILT payment for this year of \$232,000. This is an estimated 30% of PILT funds.

Wildland Update: Both crews have been out on assignments. The crew on the CA fire was released and now are on their way to ID. Rees's crew is in WY on an assignment, and they been extended.

We received a letter requesting a donation to the FFA group from Ignacio High School. They are attending the national FFA convention.

It was a consensus of the Board to donate \$500.

The reimbursement for the extractor was submitted to DFPC.

I am currently working on the Limited Gaming Impact grant through DOLA. We can submit for reimbursement for 2023 for negative gaming impact for the casino. We need an action from the Board that you support and approve for us applying for the grant for reimbursement.

A motion was made to approve the District to go after the DOLA grant for the limited gaming impact grant, seconded and approved.

Legislative update was given to the Board regarding SB-24-233, Initiative 50 and 108.

Initiative 50 is regarding Special Districts not being able to collect more than 4% of property tax revenue without voter approval. Another Initiative 108 is similar but has a 5.7% cap. SB-24-233 is the legislator's solution to keeping property taxes lowered. It has a 5.5% cap. It also requires voter approval to keep revenue above that.

When it comes down to budget planning, as it stands now there are essentially four budgets. If 233 stays, if 108 passes and 50 does not, if 50 passes and 108 does not or if they both pass. Which will be completely devastating for Special Districts in the state of Colorado. It is important to inform the Public regarding these initiatives. We can have public meetings and inform the public about the impacts of these initiatives.

6:53 Regular Session

A motion was made to go into executive session to discuss a negotiation matter as authorized per (e)24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators regarding the Southern Ute Tribe, seconded and approved.

6:53 Executive Session

7:49 Regular Session

No action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49

Minutes approved by _____, President.

Preston Rea

September 9, 2024, Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Station#1, 275 Browning Avenue, Ignacio, CO