

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

August 14, 2023

Regular Board meeting called to order at 6:41 p.m.

Roll Call: Chelsea Hamilton, Preston Rea, Tom Arthur, Don Woodmansee, James Brown, Josh Lorenzen, Jim Owens, Scot Davis, Brad Egger, Craig Fischer and Laura Rodriquez.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the July 10, 2023, board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

Public comment: None.

Wells Fargo/TBK: A meeting was held with Annette with TBK bank regarding opening an account with them due to the offer she presented to us to earn interest on our operating account. We have also received a similar offer from Wells Fargo, who we currently bank with. Wells Fargo is offering a 4.8-5% interest rate, which is higher than TBK. We will have Wells Fargo run numbers for us.

CO Trust: It was brought before the Board to transfer funds from the Edge account to the Plus account due to it having a higher interest rate.

It was a consensus of the Board to have Laura make this transfer.

SUIT Tribe: We are going to wait until after the election to approach tribal council.

Oxford Grange: Chelsea has reached out to Tracey three times and has not had a response back.

Chief Egger:

No policy updates.

Maintenance Update: TL Roofing fixed a leak at Station 2.

We received a quote from K Power for \$2,375 for electrical work at Oxford station. What is not included is any drywall that may need to be repaired. The K Power bid is about \$500 lower than the bid we received from Durango Electric of \$2,800. It was brought up about cost sharing with the Grange.

It was discussed getting someone who is a neutral party to this situation to review the lease agreement.

A motion was made to find an attorney to review the lease agreement with the Oxford Grange, seconded and approved.

Chief Owens:

Dakota Ballew was promoted to captain of A-shift. We had three employees test for this position.

We have four employees testing for lieutenant tomorrow to replace Dakota's position. We have hired Ron Bakken full-time; he was a reserve. We also hired Brian Quintana from Texas and he will start in September.

The crew at Station 5 will start doing preplans for those districts out there.

We are taking the initiative to bring some fire service traditions back into Los Pinos Fire. On August 25th down at Station 5 we will have a push-in ceremony with Engine 85. Chief Davis made flyers for

the event. We did this ceremony here for Engine 81. The second tradition is the blessing of new apparatus which we got to experience this evening.

Had a meeting with Ameilia in dispatch and it she is starting to get all the missing pieces buttoned up. It's almost ready to come together.

Chief Davis:

Volunteer Program: We have a new brochure that we will start putting out at different locations in town, and a video was shared with the Board.

Drone program: Has been on hold the last and will start backup in couple of weeks.

Fire Chiefs Report:

We are currently at 581 responses which is a 7% increase in call volume compared to last year. We spent almost a week on the Phoenix Recycling fire. One of our wildland crews was on the Arkansas Loop fire with BIA.

The July P&L was reviewed we are at 57.59%. We received\$147,358.56 in PILT money.

Capital projects: We purchased a dodge truck through Advantage Dodge and will start outfitting the truck.

We did get asked to provide an ALS ambulance for a 14-day assignment in Pagosa but unfortunately it was one that we could not accept. We had one ambulance down, so we turned down the assignment.

Wildland Update: Per captain Dosch. Hunter and his crew have been with the forest service for 42 days. They are now up for assignments nationally. Rees and his crew have been with BIA for 42 days with their severity assignment and will start tomorrow for another 14 days. If they get cut early, we will put them up for an assignment nationally.

Dosch did 37 days with BIA and his last day with them is tomorrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41.

Minutes approved by _____, President.

Chelsea Hamilton

September 11, 2023, Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Station#1, 275 Browning Avenue, Ignacio, CO