

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

August 25, 2025

Regular Board meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll call: Tom Arthur, Preston Rea, Chelsea Caler, James Brown, Jim Owens, Josh Lorenzen, Brad Egger, Scot Davis, Laura Rodriguez and Guests. Don Woodmansee and Bud Smith on their way.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for July 14, 2025, board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

Public comment: None.

A change to the agenda was made to move the Swearing in of Thomas Mallonee under Chief Davis's report to new business.

Thomas Mallonee, a newly hired reserve who started as a volunteer, was sworn in as a firefighter by Scot Davis.

SUIT: Bud has emailed the tribal attorney the additional information requested. We have not heard any updates.

Chief Egger:

Policy Update: No policy updates. Updated SOP 118, the Non-Emergency Fee Schedule for EMT only standbys was changed to \$50 per hour and ambulance with a crew was changed to apparatus. Sometimes we need to use an engine for a standby.

Maintenance: Will be changing out lights that are out in the south bay and upgrading a camera located at the rear door that went out.

Events: Southern Ute Fair September 13th & 14th and Rodeo September 19th & 20th. Chile Festival will be September 20th. We started standbys for High School football last Friday.

Chief Owens:

We will get paid \$3,000 for renting out Station 3 for the Rim Road Fire.

We have been hauling water with two tenders in July and August to the tanker base. We hauled a total of 145,000 gallons in the last part of July.

On Saturday with the help of Chief Davis and Captain Fischer ran four of our people through firefighter practical's.

Deputy Chief Krupa reached out to start having DC meetings with the surrounding deputy chiefs and training officers with Durango and Upper Pine to get more organized communication wise regarding trainings. The first project is updating the automatic aid agreements.

The pipeline agreement with Red Willow has been signed.

Chief Davis: Development Team: We are working on wrapping up FF1 and trying to do some written testing this fall. We are sitting at 9 members currently.

Drone: We have been flying the drone quite a bit.

Fire Chiefs Report:

We are at 679 responses currently and are down 9% from last year at this time last year.

P&L: The P&L looks good. We will be showing an expense for dispatch when we get the quarterly bill from the City of Durango for services. We have one more payment for the liability insurance which will put it over the budgeted amount. No capital expenditure changes again this month. We are just under 55% of the total expenses this month.

Wildland: Dan's time with BIA is done and he is on days off. Brush 82 is assigned with BIA and Engine 88 is on the Stoner Mesa fire.

Grants: We put in for the AFG grant last year for LifePak15 monitors and they will be releasing the awards in September. The monitor's run around \$56,000. This grant is a 5% match. We did get some state money through DFPC for some bunker gear and should be able to 4 or 5 sets. Also, I put in the Limited Gaming Impact grant through DOLA this year and the application was approved. It is currently under review. We did get our payment amount for the Supplemental payment for Medicare which is around \$267,000. This program may be going away, so we are keeping an eye on that.

We will be having an ISO rating coming up in October. We are getting ready for that visit.

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 Oxford Grange, seconded and approved.

6:28 Executive Session

7:27 Regular Session – No action taken

A motion was made to go into executive session authorized per (f) 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S., "Personnel matters except if the employee who is the subject of the executive session has requested an open meeting, or if the personnel matter involves more than one employee, all of the employees must request an open meeting.", seconded and approved.

7:30 Executive Session

8:15 Regular Session

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Minutes approved by _____, President.

Tom Arthur

September 8, 2025, Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m. Station#1, 275 Browning Avenue, Ignacio, CO