

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

February 9, 2026

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

Roll call: Tom Arthur, Don Woodmansee, Preston Rea, James Brown, Chelsea Caler (Zoom), Jim Owens, Josh Lorenzen, Scot Davis, and Laura Rodriquez.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for January 12, 2025, Regular board meeting, seconded and approved.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for January 28, 2025 Special board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

Public comment: None.

There will be no executive session held per President Tom Arthur.

New Business: Preferred Sweep Account through Wells Fargo was approved by the Board. A motion was made to change to the Preferred Sweep Account, seconded and approved.

SUIT: No update.

Chief Lorenzen for Chief Egger:

Policy Update: Reviewed 3 policies with no policy changes or updates.

Station maintenance: Fuel system has been completed and is working appropriately.

There was a meeting with the new town manager, and he spoke about the town updating to the 2024 fire code. He wanted to know if that would be appropriate for us.

Chief Owens: Wildfire Code Update: The update from the last task force meeting with the county officials is that they will be taking responsibility for the building inspections and permitting. They have a self-affidavit for the owner to sign that they will do the mitigation work that is required by the resiliency code. The county will then recommend to the builders or owners to contact the local fire district to ask them to come and do an assessment. We will get a resolution to be signed at the next board meeting.

Chief Davis: Development Team: The development team is doing well. We have one more chapter to cover for HazMat. Then work on JPR's and start reviewing for testing. Will have an interview with another interested development team member this week. We will start Fire 1 on the first of April.

Drone: No update

Fire Chiefs Report:

We are at 100 responses currently.

P&L: Not too much to see for the first full month of the year. Workers' compensation is paid up for the year, and we will see an increase on that amount due to the carryover from last year with the increase in hours for the seasonal and reserve employees. We have a little carryover in the capital due to the fuel pump system.

Budget/Funding: There are currently several bills that potentially affect EMS and EMS billing. There are a couple of them we are working on with state EMS board. One of those is House bill 1069 which deals with community paramedicine which allows for EMS systems to bill Medicare and Medicaid for a patient that can receive treatment on scene and that does not need a higher-level of care. We can then get reimbursement for those types of calls, this allows us to generate more revenue.

The other one is Senate Bill 63, and the emergency medical services state board are opposed to how this bill is written. We want to make sure EMS is exempt from this.

House Bill 1063 is another bill regarding behavioral health transport, which could potentially impact EMS and ambulance services depending on if it passes and how it is written in its final form. If EMS gets included in that bill, are we eligible to recoup and get reimbursements for those costs.

At the state chiefs we had a discussion regarding the sustainability of funding with fire districts and fire departments. Obviously due to the passed legislations changes to property taxes that affect fire districts. The executive board of state chiefs proposed making an enterprise fund. The funds would be distributed to fire districts across the state and they would receive \$200,000. It was something from the fire side for funding mechanisms that could potentially help fire districts across the state.

We need to determine if this is the year we want to go after a mill levy increase on the November ballot and if so, what is the ask.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44

Minutes approved by _____, Vice-President.

Don Woodmansee

**March 9, 2026 Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Station#1, 275 Browning Avenue, Ignacio, CO**