

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

June 9, 2025

Regular Board meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Roll call: Preston Rea, Chelsea Caler, James Brown, Don Woodmansee, Tom Arthur, Jim Owens, Josh Lorenzen, Brad Egger and Laura Rodriquez.

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

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

Based on the decisions we've made per the bylaws the board positions rotate one position. The new positions are as follows:

Tom Arthur- President

Don Woodmansee - Vice president

James Brown - Secretary

Chelsea Caler - Treasurer

Preston Rea – Board member

We are in the process of wrapping up the audit and currently the depreciation limit is set at \$2500 for capital items and we need to change it to \$5000. The auditor needs board approval on record due to us changing the threshold for depreciation from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

A motion was made to approve the depreciation threshold from \$2,500 to \$5,000, seconded and approved.

A motion was made to approve the Heart and Cancer repayment agreement, seconded and approved.

SUIT: Bud has finalized an outline for discussion points with the tribe's council. This has been sent to their legal counsel. We are now waiting on getting a meeting scheduled.

Public comment: None.

Chief Egger:

Policy Update: No updates.

Maintenance: Working on bay doors and putting up weather stripping.

Events: Demolition Derby on August 16th and Sun Dance July 10-14.

Chief Owens:

Truck Updates: Dubs have finished up on the Utility truck replacing the back of the cab. Two of our wildland crew picked up the flat bed in La Jara.

Jared and the wildland crew have been working on Tender 88 moving the bed.

We have been participating in unification training with the tribe. La Plata electric has a down power line drill we will be participating in on CR 314. Captain Fischer has been working with the airport with some ARFF training.

Maintenance Yard: Red Willow used it for their extinguisher class; IPD will be using the tower for some training. The Growth Fund will be using it in July for some extinguisher training.

Red Willow is putting in a temporary water line, and it will be coming in front of our maintenance yard and continuing down CR 318. It will probably be in the right of way easement. The county is requiring them to do a notification.

Chief Davis:

Development Program: We have 11 members on the development team and have had four new members join in the last two weeks.

Drone: Has been a good asset. We used it on 3 incidents last week.

Fire Chiefs Report:

We are at 435 responses currently, which is down 5% from last year.

P&L: The P&L looks good. Some things to point out in revenue are that we received \$45,000 for SB238 backfill for property tax, last year's wildland fires, and we received around \$132,000 for the ambulance grant. No capital changes this month. We are at 38% of the total expenses.

Wildland: We have one crew with Columbine on severity for several weeks and one crew in southern CA on severity.

Dispatch: We changed over to Durango Dispatch on May 28th, and it is going well. We have some technological things we are working out.

HB25-1088: As we continue to look at future funding mechanisms and sustain our funding for the District. One of the ways we were hoping to use was the HB25-1088 EMS bill. It passed through the CO house and senate unanimously. The governor vetoed this bill, but we will try again.

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

6:45 Executive Session

7:43 Regular Session

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43

Minutes approved by _____, President.

Tom Arthur

June 9, 2025, Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m. Station#1, 275 Browning Avenue, Ignacio, CO