

# Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

## March 9, 2026

Regular Board meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Roll call: Don Woodmansee, Preston Rea, Chelsea Caler, James Brown, Jim Owens, Josh Lorenzen, Brad Egger, Tom Arthur has an excused absence, and Laura Rodriguez.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for February 9, 2026, Regular board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

**Public comment:** None.

**SUIT:** Bud had a couple of suggestions to add to the letter to tribal council, and we will include an updated fee schedule when it is finalized.

**Oxford Grange:** Bud is working on a draft with the policy regulating the use of the facility for the Board to review. We may have to plan a special board meeting.

**Resiliency Code Adoption:** A resolution was presented to the Board to sign.

A motion was made to adopt the Resiliency Code, seconded and approved.

The Town of Ignacio is following right in line with La Plata County.

### **Chief Egger:**

**Policy Update:** Reviewed 803-907. The universal hand signal for backing up apparatus was added to 902.

**Station maintenance:** Fuel system is up and running.

**Events:** Easter egg hunt will be March 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Town of Ignacio is adopting the 2024 Fire Code at their board meeting.

We are starting the committee meetings for the county to be adopting 2024.

The Town of Ignacio has a judge now for enforcement. When the inspection is done, the Responsible party will have 30 to 45 days to correct the violations. A re-inspection will be done, and if they do not have those violations corrected, then IPD will be called. IPD will go and summon them to court for those violations.

**Chief Owens:** The Heliwell has been donated to the Jicarilla Carson Forest service, and they will be picking it up on Wednesday.

**Chief Owens for Chief Davis: Development Team:** Currently we have 8 members. They have just finished up HazMat ops and awareness on the books and are working on JPR's. On the last two Wednesdays they will be doing a refresher for wildland.

**Drone:** Used on two fires this week.

### **Fire Chiefs Report:**

We are at 173 responses currently. Fire season has started.

**P&L:** On the revenue side, we are still seeing payments come in for last year's Wildland payments. Workers' compensation is paid for the year at \$91,000. We are sitting at just under 15% for total expenses and nothing is added to our capital outlay currently. The grant review for the Life Pak monitors is this Friday. We should have results for the grant funding for the Life Pak monitors in April or May.

**Budget/Funding:** We need to determine if this is the year we want to go after a mill levy increase on the November ballot or look at it in 2027. We can put it on the ballot in May or November.

What are we looking at for this money to go for if it is approved; capital improvement or solely to keep our operations going.

**Wildland:** The full team will be starting at the end of the month. The Spring outlook could be a pretty active season.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54

Minutes approved by \_\_\_\_\_, President.

**Tom Arthur**