

# Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

## November 12, 2024

Regular Board meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Don Woodmansee, Preston Rea, Chelsea Hamilton, James Brown, Jim Owens, Josh Lorenzen, Tom Arthur, and Scot Davis,

A motion was made to approve the minutes for October 14, 2024 board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

**Public comment:** None.

**SUIT:** A motion was made to put an executive session for SUIT on the agenda for next month, seconded and approved.

**Oxford Grange:** Tom spoke with Tracy, and they did discuss it at their Board meeting. She needs another week to get back to us with a response. If we get a response back, we will discuss it in executive session.

**Policy Update:** None.

**Maintenance:** The door was replaced on the north side at Station 4.

**Events:** Taste of Christmas on December 6, 2024.

**Chief Owens:** We are just waiting on numbers from the forest service regarding Helitac.

The 2006 Ford truck and an extra engine were sold for \$750.

The new ambulance is in the courtyard.

We need to take Medic 84 out of service. The plan is to put a flatbed on the back once we get rid of the box and put a snowplow on the front of it. Have reached out to several dealers for bids on the flatbed which are running between \$4,600 - \$5,300. Troy found a used snowplow from SWAG for \$4,500 and another \$1,000 for the mounting kit. We reached out to Coates and Dubb's for quotes to repair the back of the cab on the truck

A motion was made to redirect some capital funds to outfit the truck and keep it under \$20,000 seconded and approved.

**Chief Davis: Volunteers:** We have JPR's coming up for three of them this Saturday. Hopefully, we will get their FF1 JPR's done. Encouraging them to go up for testing.

**Drone:** No update. Met with IPD and went over the drone for them.

### **Fire Chiefs Report:**

We are at 932 responses this year; we are up 12% on our volume from last year.

We are at 83% overall for the October P&L. Just under 79% for total expenses and next month's revenue will have the FEMA deployment revenue. We have received just under \$44,000. We are just over 3 million for property tax collected if we include the October amount received. We hope to see property tax numbers increase by the end of the year. We will not see the rest of the wildland revenue until after

the first of the year. We are at almost 91% on capital and we only have about \$4,000 left which is for the data recorder install on the ambulance.

**Wildland Update:** The wildland crews are wrapped up for the year. Looking ahead for next year. Two are not coming back next year and we will possibly be losing one more.

**2025 Preliminary Budget:** No changes to the proposed expenses yet. One of the things we are still discussing is the dispatch change. We are going to be having more discussions with Central dispatch. We are also looking at an add-on to the Active 911 App. They have a coms add on which allows us to get real time audio from dispatch as well as transmit through the phone. We are working on doing the trial for free and seeing if it is worth moving forward on. It will be an additional \$250 for the annual fee.

Something to think about is looking at other funding mechanisms, we can look at sales tax. Some Districts were successful in going after this. We have a better opportunity for success in going after a sales tax increase than a mill levy.

Bud stated based on the voter approved ballot measure the District can adjust the mill levy to offset changes in the percentage used to determine assessed value so the revenue is not diminished or enhanced. Based on the residential valuation for 2024 adjusting the rate to the 2020 levels would produce just over \$16,000 in additional tax revenue. When the assessment rate changes for the other classifications like commercial property are included the total increases to \$56,500 so that additional amount would require increasing the mill levy to 9.722.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40

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

**Preston Rea**

**December 9, 2024, Regular board meeting at 6:30 p.m. Station#1, 275 Browning Avenue, Ignacio, CO**