

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

October 13, 2025

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

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes for September 8, 2025, board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

Public comment: None.

SUIT: Their legal council had a couple of follow-up inquiries which we answered, and we have not heard back.

Chief Egger:

Policy Update: No policy updates.

Maintenance: Redid toe catches on stairs at St. 1. Put up an additional camera at St.2 where the wildland crew parks their vehicles.

Events: High school football game standby's, hydrant testing for ISO, Fire extinguisher training at Phoenix Recycling October 31st, Southern Ute Health Fair November 13th.

Fire Code Violation Penalties: According to the Towns' ordinance for a penalty to be assessed for fire code violations, we must go through the Town and their attorney to issue a fire code violation. There have been numerous businesses that will not fix their fire code violations. The Town is being sent these reports about these fire code violations. The Board agreed to have Chief Egger attend the next Town Board meeting and speak to them regarding these violations and that they are a safety issue. If there is no penalty for these violations not being fixed, then why do these inspections.

Chief Owens: Wildfire Resiliency Code: In May 12, 2024, the CO Wildfire Resiliency code was passed and basically it is trying to harden up our wildland urban interface areas. Both in the building department structural wise and mitigation around structures. This new code will apply to new construction and an addition of 500 square feet attached to a residence. The code states that the authority having jurisdiction is supposed to accept it and make a resolution to accept it by April 2026. If the authority does not approve the Wildfire code, then they are mandated to come up with their own code.

Apparatus: We did pump testing on four trucks last week.

Truck Projects: Tender 88 is on the road and the wildland crew did some ISO testing on it.

Chief Davis: Development Team: Ty Woodson passed his FF1 test and just has the hazmat ops to do. Josh Fanning is taking his FF1 test next week.

Drone: We used it on a call last week. It was a great tool, being the roads were bad.

Fire Chiefs Report:

We are at 840 responses currently.

P&L: The P&L is in good shape through September. We are at 75% of the total expenses this month and we still have wildland reimbursements to come in. We will be under what was budgeted for capital this year. We still have the fuel dispensers which should be on the P&L next month.

Wildland: The seasonal crew will be done this week. Our engine bosses Rees and David will be done at the beginning of November.

Audit proposals for 2025 were sent out. I let the current auditor know that we were going out to bid for an auditor, and they were welcome to bid.

ISO will be here at the end of October.

The 2026 Budget Proposal was reviewed. Salary comparisons were reviewed. We took about a 21% decrease in property tax revenue even though the property valuations went up in value and the oil and gas decreased about 40%.

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.

7:59 Executive Session

8:41 Regular Session – No action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41

Minutes approved by _____, President.

Tom Arthur

November 10, 2025, Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m. Station#1, 275 Browning Avenue, Ignacio, CO