

# Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

## October 11, 2021

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

Roll Call: James Brown, Preston Rea, Tom Arthur, Brad Egger, Tony Harwig, Josh Lorenzen, Mark Williams, Scot Davis, and Laura Rodriquez. Chelsea Hamilton has an excused absence. Guests: James Owens

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the September 13, 2021, board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

No public comment.

The SUIT agreement will be discussed in executive session.

Chief Harwig went over what we have completed for the Grange. We have installed a sweep under the door, put mouse traps in the bay, installed smoke detectors, washed windows, finished the gutters and put an asphalt patch in the cracks and will finish it by the sidewalk.

Chief Harwig reviewed the 2022 proposed budget in detail to the board. We added FEMA budget line item for revenue and expenses. Capital purchases were discussed by priority.

### **Chief Egger**

We are planning to put into practice next year redoing our controlled burns and getting permits. This will be web based. A form will be filled out on our website, and they will be issued a permit number. They will need read the regulations or a short video can be viewed explaining regulations. They can mark if they need help, and this will be emailed to give notice. When they want to burn, they notify us online and if they cannot do it online, they can call the station or come to the station and we will help them.

### **Chief Lorenzen**

We are in the process in of transitioning our current medical director. Our current medical director is taking on more responsibilities at the Mercy hospital, so he is going to step away. Dr. Vivolo will be taking over that position. He will be meeting with both.

We are in the process of renewing our ambulance license for all four ambulances.

We have a couple of grants coming up that we plan to apply for. The Division of Fire Prevention and Control has one coming up November 1<sup>st</sup> which is a no match grant for \$20,000. We are determining what we are going to write it for. The state EMTS grant opens in December and we can apply for a new ambulance which is 50/50 match. We can also go after medical equipment if don't go for a new ambulance.

### **Chief Davis**

We currently have eight active volunteers. In November we will running a EVOC class which is a emergency vehicle operating class and in December we will be doing a HazMat Operations and awareness class. Starting on January 19<sup>th</sup> we will be starting a FF1 class. The first three weeks will be exterior firefighter course, and this will run through May. In March we will do a 130/190 recert. We have a new volunteer from Durango Quin Deffenbaugh is and he is a registered EMT, has done fire work. Wanted to let you know how many hours we covered last week. We had 29 ½ hours of shift work covered, 6 hours of CPR training and 10 hour per person training hours.

**Fire Chiefs Report:**

We are at 753 calls compared to 698 last year. We are up 50 calls.

All line items are within budget for the P&L.

The Wildland crew will be working their last payroll period. A week from Thursday will be their last day. We thought they were going to be put on with Columbine to burn 50 acres, but it didn't work out. They will be winterizing equipment.

Chief Harwig met with the contractor to go over items. Also, took the building plans to Archuleta County to get the building permit. The turnaround time is about 10 business days. We are probably not going to put a sprinkler system in the building due to cost and the water in the area is not going to allow it. We will use that savings to make the building cheaper or do work on the driveway. He is getting all the subcontractor bids currently.

The ISO Office did contact us last week. We sent them information they requested. They are currently not making in house visits.

We did get notified that we did not get the Safer grant.

It was decided to meet with wildland at the November board meeting to discuss adding additional staff.

A motion was made to go out of Regular Session and into Executive Session to discuss negotiation matter as authorized per 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 negotiator, seconded and approved.

8:30 Regular Session

No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes approved by  \_\_\_\_\_, President.  
**James Brown**

**November 8, 2021, Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
Station#1, 275 Browning Avenue, Ignacio, CO**