

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

May 11, 2026

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

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes for April 13, 2026, regular board meeting, seconded and approved.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the April 23, 2026 special board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

Public comment: None.

SUIT: The tribal attorney has requested additional information regarding the number of calls we are running on trust land. The trouble is determining within our District which ones are on trust land.

Oxford Grange: Bud sent out the final document for review. If the Board is okay with it then it will be sent to their legal counsel. It is a consensus of the Board to approve the Grange Meeting Room Policy and rental agreement.

Chief Egger:

Policy Update: SOP 102 has been finalized.

Station maintenance: Tender Bay door was repaired at Station1.

The flagpole for St.5 was broke and a new one has been ordered.

Events: The Boys and Girls Club Annual Color Run is on May 15th and there is also a carnival before the run. The Bear Dance is at the end of May. Two water days for the Early Learning Center and the Southern Ute Montessori and tomorrow we are participating in the Law Enforcement remembrance.

Chief Davis: Development Team: Went through evaluations with everyone the last two weeks. Still doing Fire 1. There are three members starting an EMT class on May 18th.

Fire Chiefs Report:

We are at 343 emergency responses currently.

P&L: The P&L looks decent. We are just under 30% for total expenses currently. No additions to capital.

The state government has two bills that have the potential to help EMS funding and reimbursements. One of the Bills is EMS being recognized as an essential service and assisting EMS agencies with funding, but the Bill got stripped out and there is no fiscal note attached to it. This ended up not doing anything for us.

House Bill 26-1069 is regarding EMS reimbursement for treatment on scene rather than paying for trips to the emergency room, allowing ambulance services to be reimbursed for transporting to other locations and telemedicine support which would be paid at a higher rate by Medicaid and private insurance companies. This has been stripped from the Bill to appease health insurance companies. What

was left in the bill was Medicaid reimbursement and telemedicine. It got through the House and the Senate but very stripped down. It really does not help us as EMS agencies as far as reimbursement.

State bill 26-184 Firefighter Cancer Benefit Trust and workers compensation. This was put forth by the International Association of Fire Fighters without any discussion CO State Fire Chiefs or Special Districts of Colorado. There are many departments and special district that have operated under Firefighter cancer trust and paid into the trust. This bill proposal pulls it away from the Trust and puts it under workers' compensation. It adds additional cancer types and then it will require an employer to show evidence that the cancer did not occur on the job. The bill increases workers' compensation costs and legal services for special districts, and other local governments that employ firefighters.

Grants: We did get our state grant through CDPHE for our Life Pak 35 monitors, and we will get \$88,571 reimbursed on the purchase of those once the project is complete.

Wildland: Our team has been with BIA for 14 days and may get picked up for 7 or 14 days more. If not, we will put them up nationally.

Community Paramedicine: Have been having discussions with Chief Evans with Upper Pine and had good discussion with IHS clinic. Upper Pine is building a new station with Urgent care in it. We have been talking about partnering with Upper Pine on this. The community paramedicine is under a separate state license. Delta EMS has run a very successful program for last six years. We can operate under their license because they can extend their license until Upper Pine goes through the process to get their license. This has the potential to increase revenue.

We have talked about a soft launch this summer in July in the Bayfield area to see how it will flow.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40

Minutes approved by _____, President.

Tom Arthur