

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

March 14, 2022

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

Roll Call: James Brown, Chelsea Hamilton, Preston Rea, Tom Arthur, Rebecca Flinders, Brad Egger, Tony Harwig, Josh Lorenzen, Mark Williams, Scot Davis, Bud Smith, John Gilbert, Dan Dosh, Laura Rodriguez
Guests: Richard Swayze, Patty Mickey, Tracy Mickey, Misty Witt, Tyrell Williams, Los Pinos Fire employees.

Three changes were made to the agenda as follows:

#1Election Resolution, #2Polling Place and #3SUIT Agreement was moved to New Business

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the February 14, 2022, board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

Public comment.

Richard Swayze: Had a question regarding the 1.3 million dollars being spent on an addition on a fire house which is out in Arboles and if it was in our District and what the square footage is. He wanted to make sure it was in the Los Pinos Fire District and not outside of it.

The station is in our District and the addition is 800 square feet.

Patty Mickey: How is notification sent out to the public for an election?

We post the notices as required by the Special District Association, which is in the Durango Herald and Pagosa Sun newspapers and now, we post it on our website.

Bud Smith wanted to clarify about the notice of election the District provides all the notices that are required by statutes and one of them is the Transparency Notice. The notice of this election has been posted on the Division of Local Government website and the fire district website for two years.

James Brown read Resolution 2022-2 concerning the 2022 election of directors.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-2, seconded and approved.

Rebecca Flinders, DEO

A discussion regarding ballots and judges for the election was discussed. Does the Board want to have the ballots printed or print them ourselves? The cost would be \$600 for 3,500 ballots. Tiffany suggested getting 1,000 ballots printed. It was recommended that we get the ballots printed. As far as judges we are required to have 2 at each polling place. We should have at least 8 judges to cover shifts so they don't have to cover a whole day. It was left up to Rebecca on the number of judges and to get 1500 ballots printed.

Bud has asked the SUIT tribal attorney and the secretary to the tribal council to schedule a time when a couple of representatives from the board, Chief Harwig and himself can meet with tribal council again and see if we can get the agreement finalized.

A discussion regarding the service truck was discussed.

James read information from a salesman with Peterbilt stating that If you were to go and buy one like this today it will cost at least \$300,000.00 and take a year and a half to get. He could sell it right now for a bare minimum of \$225K and probably get you \$250K. our service truck would cost \$300,000 today. This truck was built to last. The fact that it might be too big will really pay off through the years because it's a heavy-duty durable chassis that's built to last.

Tom stated with our assessment going down and money getting tight we should look at every piece of equipment not just the service truck. How much is equipment getting used? Can get the same level of service for something cheaper? Tom shared some options of other trucks.

We will plan to have a Special Board meeting on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. to discuss this further and gather the information that was requested.

Station 5 Update

We have a new project manager and we will be meeting with them on Wednesday. Everything has been poured. They are putting in the electrical in the floor and are getting ready to pour the floor. We are on schedule for a late June move in. I think they will be there.

Fire Marshal Egger

The control board went out on the furnace at Station 2 and has been fixed.
The gas valve is going out on the in-floor boiler at Station 1.

Chief Lorenzen

We have been working with Southern Ute Dispatch and they are willing to help us get in place what we need. We will need to add a module to our record management system which will integrate with the Spillman hardware they use. We got a quote for this for \$3,500. Also, we will be able to switch over to an active 911 system which gives us dispatch information on our phones. We were successful with the grant with the Division of Fire Prevention and Control for \$20,000 for our physicals.

Chief Davis

We have one month left for Fire 1. The state practical will be on April 23rd. Then we will schedule the written exam.

The written test for HazMat is getting rescheduled.

Two more volunteers started coming to meetings last week. We had two volunteers get hired on as wildland seasonals and another volunteer was hired as a reserve.

We are working on getting a drone program going. Scot obtained a FAA license for automatic pilot and is working on an application for a FAA certificate of authorization for air space to fly drones in our area.

Fire Chiefs Report:

We will be building our own Type 6. Thanks to Tom for finding us a chassis.

John gave a review of the 2021 wildland season and the seasonal outlook for this year.

We are at 151 calls.

The P&L is running at 12.86% and overall is below what my goal is.

We turned in the grant last month for \$550,00 for SCBA's. We should hear by June about this grant.

We should hear about the Safer grant for the volunteer program in June as well.

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A motion was made to go out of Regular Session and into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter involving Chief Harwig as authorized per 24-6-402(4) (f), C.R.S. "Personnel matters except if the employee who is the subject of the executive session has requested an open meeting, or if the personnel matter involves more than one employee, all of the employees must request an open meeting.", Motion was seconded and approved.

Regular Session 9:23

A motion was made based on Chief Harwig's performance review that changes will be made to the following paragraphs in Exhibit B of the Fire Chief's Employment Agreement-#: Paragraph 1 salary increased from \$120,000 to \$130,000 effective the next regular pay period; Paragraph 2 vacation and paid leave benefits will be changed to match existing state law and District policy effective January 1, 2022 ; and Paragraph 5 – sections A & B regarding severance pay will be changed from 4 months to 6 months. The motion was seconded and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39.

Minutes approved by _____, President.

James Brown

April 11, 2022, Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Station#1, 275 Browning Avenue, Ignacio, CO