

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

November 11, 2025

Regular Board meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll call: Tom Arthur, Don Woodmansee, Preston Rea, Chelsea Caler, James Brown, Jim Owens, Josh Lorenzen, Scot Davis, shift personnel and Laura Rodriguez.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for October 13, 2025, board meeting, seconded and approved.

A motion was made to approve the Special Board minutes for October 22, 2025, board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

Public comment: None.

SUIT: No updates. They just held an election for the tribal council.

Oxford Grange: Bud sent an email with the letter on November 3rd. The Grange will be discussing the letter received at their board meeting on November 20th.

Chief Lorenzen for Chief Egger:

Policy Update: No policy updates.

Fire Code Violation Penalties: He spoke with Chief Crume with IPD and told him to wait to speak with their Town Board regarding the fire code violations until he can see if there are other options.

Chief Owens: ISO SUMMARY: ISO was here on October 29th to review all the paperwork that was required. There are five to six items that will need to be emailed to him. It will take up to four weeks to go through, and then it will go to a review board. This can take up to three to six months.

Chief Davis: Development Team: The development team is doing well. We just started Hazmat and will be starting a trial of a hybrid program with Ft. Lewis Mesa. They have six folks that will be zooming in for class on Wednesday and participating through the IFSTA structure. Also, we will continue doing Saturday training as they are available.

Drone: Still being used.

Fire Chiefs Report:

We are at 915 emergency responses for the year, and we are slightly down from this time last year.

P&L: The P&L is in good shape. We will see the wildland revenue increase because we still have wildland reimbursements to come in. The ambulance revenue is low for this time of year, and part of that is probably due to the government shutdown. The reason for that is with Medicare reimbursements. CMS advised ambulance billers to hold their Medicare billing for ten days in the early stages of this. We have held most of those. It is advised that we continue to hold on billing. We are waiting for the government to shut down to resolve.

We are just under 83% of the total expenses this month. We have a little bit more in capital when we get the rest of the fuel dispenser system which we still be under \$165,000 that we budgeted on the capital.

Wildland: Not much to report. All the seasonal wildland team are off for the season and just Dan and Hunter are on.

Audit proposals for 2025 were sent out. We received three bids back. We chose McMahan and Associates out of Avon CO, and they have experience with Special Districts. The pricing was competitive for all three. They will have their team down here by early March.

President Tom Arthur signed the Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption Resolution. This process started last year. The county was working with a firm regarding their hazard fire mitigation planning. All the Fire District's and some other entities spent time with this company to ensure that the hazard fire mitigation plan information for their fire districts was accurate. For the county to move forward to finalize this plan, all the Districts must provide their own resolution.

The 2026 Budget Proposal was reviewed. The revisions that were made from the initial budget proposal were to the beginning fund balance after the 2024 audit was finalized and some of the salaries were adjusted. The health insurance amount may change due to what our employees choose for a medical plan. This year we are providing several plans to choose from.

The board meeting may be held on December 15th depending on when we receive the final assessed valuations from both counties.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04

Minutes approved by _____, President.

Tom Arthur

**December 15, 2025, Board Hearing at 6:00 p.m. Regular board meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Station#1, 275 Browning Avenue, Ignacio, CO**