

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

June 13, 2022

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

Roll Call: James Brown, Chelsea Hamilton, Misti Witt, Preston Rea, Tom Arthur, Brad Egger, Scot Davis, Josh Lorenzen, Laura Rodriguez and guests.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the May 9, 2022, board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

Public comment:

James mentioned the awesome letter received from Dr. Jon Vivolo the Districts medical director regarding our personnel. We have true hero's sitting here. Our EMS response calls are the best in the county. He personally appreciates the hard work that every one of you do every day. Also, he appreciates B-shift for taking good care of him and making him feel important when he had an episode. It was greatly appreciated and they did an awesome job.

Captain James Owens was awarded the Firefighter Officer of the Year by the Masons.

Hats off to Captain Gilbert and the wildland crew and anyone else that participated in the Bear Dance fire last week.

New Business

Joel with JITA: James addressed the concern the Board had regarding the increase for the framing for labor for Station 5.

Joel explained that the global pandemic did a number on a lot of things. The labor force here is insanely low and the subcontractor base is busier than ever. Some of them have work out 2 to 3 years. The original framer was not available that is why went with the one that was available. The cost share was discussed and Joel will waive the mark up but cannot do a cost share on the mark up on labor.

James Brown, Tom Arthur, and Misti Witt took their oath of office.

James announced that Tom went to Treasurer and Misti went to Board member. Misti had a question about how the positions are elected. We will have Bud answer your questions.

James explained that historically the positions have rotated.

SUIT Tribe: James spoke to Chairman Baker and will follow up with him again

By-Laws: James went over in detail all the minor edits made to the by-laws.

A motion was made to approve the minor edits to the by-laws, seconded and approved.

Misti has question and concerns regarding the by-laws. She will email her questions and they will be addressed at a later time.

Fire Marshal Egger

Policy update: None

We had a small fire at Station 4. We had a short in the electrical outside to the wire that runs to the cistern. The sparks ignited the grass. The crews noticed the smoke when they were doing truck checks and put the fire out. The power is currently off at St. 4 because there was damage to the main power lines.

Chief Davis

Volunteer Update: We currently have 9 active volunteers.

Drone Update: Nothing new. We are still waiting to hear back from the FAA.

Fire Chiefs Report: (Lorenzen)

Wildland Update: The Bear Dance fire is wrapped up. Our crews were the initial attack. Our wildland crews are still working severity with BIA. They also worked the Bear Dance fire.

The crew is back from the Cerro Pelado fire that was in New Mexico.

Also, had a tender operations supporting the tanker base and an ambulance on the Perins Peak fire for a couple of days.

Emergency Responses: We are at 397 calls. We have nine days where are crews have been out on back-to-back calls. We have run six cardiac arrests over the last four weeks.

P&L: The P&L for June is still looking good year to date and we are at 38.5%. We have a few areas where we are over like the fuel cost.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45

Minutes approved by _____, President.

James Brown

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

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