

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Special Board Meeting

November 14, 2022

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

Roll Call: Tom Arthur, Preston Rea, Chelsea Hamilton, James Brown, Josh Lorenzen, Tony Harwig, Brad Egger, Scot Davis, Misti Witt (Zoom), John Gilbert (Zoom), and Guests.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the October 10, 2022, board meeting, seconded and approved.

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

Public comment: None

A change to the agenda was made to move the 2023 budget review under Old Business and add Grant for fire camp under Chief Davis's report.

Chief Harwig asked the Board for any input on the 2023 budget after the review from last month. Each board member had a chance to ask some questions and get more information.

John Gilbert did a review of the wildland season. He shared 4 options about next year's staffing. Then projected totals on the equipment and personnel.

The Board decided to have a work session on December 5th at 6:00 p.m.

The auditor agreement with Fredrick, Zink & Associates was signed.

Chief Harwig reviewed the options regarding the FAMLI (Family and Medical Leave Insurance) act for the Board to vote on.

A motion was made to opt out of the FAMLI Act, seconded and approved.

SUIT Tribe: No update.

Board Procedures: Will be discussed at the work session.

Oxford Grange: Will be discussed at the work session.

Chief Egger: Still waiting on the La Plata County Commissioners regarding updating Fire Codes. No policy updates.

Chief Lorenzen: We have received the ultrasound units and have ordered the Lucas devices that we were awarded through EMTS grant.

We have been working on the Medicare Supplemental payment process for the July 2021 -June 2022 fiscal year. We will have it turned in by November 28th and receive payment next year.

Chief Davis: Volunteers: We have 6 active volunteers coming to training and 8 on the books not showing up. We implemented an incentive program that has a point system. This is for tracking progress and to give them some incentives

Drone program: Working with Upper Pine to do some training next year and sharing a fire academy if anyone is interested. We heard back from the FAA, and we have been cleared for our certificate of authorization and moving forward the application process.

We were awarded a \$5,000 grant for two fire camps. This will be a 6-week boot camp for High School students and a community-based fire camp.

Fire Chiefs Report:

Station 5: Half of the concrete for the pad was poured. They are working on the countertops in the kitchen and the appliances are supposed to be there on Thursday. We are still looking at a late December CO. Working with the captains to develop protocols for response out of that District. It will be a learning year on how we operate from there. A meeting with the TARA group is set up for January.

The October P&L was reviewed, and the only concern is the salaries are at 85%.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Minutes approved by _____, President.

James Brown

**December 12, 2022, Budget Hearing at 6:00 p.m. Regular board meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Station#1, 275 Browning Avenue, Ignacio, CO**