

Lane Fire Authority & Santa Clara Fire
Minutes for September 19th, 2023 Board Meeting
 3939 River Rd., Eugene, OR

The regular board meetings for Lane Fire Authority and Santa Clara Fire were called to order by Lane Fire Authority Board President Pete Holmes at 1:00 pm and Santa Clara Board President Russ Sirotek at 1:00 pm. Both meetings were held virtually and in person.

Board Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pete Holmes In person	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Clendenen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Walker In person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Baxter In person	<input type="checkbox"/> Greg Deedon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rod Graves In person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Smith In person	<input type="checkbox"/> Don Phillips In Person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Russ Sirotek In person	<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Dennis In person

Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Bills:

Topic	August 2023 Board Minutes
Discussion	Board minutes were previously sent to all board members.
Action taken	John Baxter made a motion to approve the August 2023 board minutes, seconded by Ryan Walker. All ayes.

Treasurers Report:

Everything looks good on the Profit & Loss.

The finance committee did not meet Wednesday but will reschedule.

Audits will be sent to board members prior to the October Board Meeting. Due to rule changes, the district will not be required to have a Federal audit.

Life Flight revenue continues to come in. There was a hiccup on Life Flight's part re LFA's member roster. If you receive a notice, it can be disregarded, all LFA members are signed up.

A resolution to accept the \$35,000 received from the OSFM seasonal staffing grant will be read at the October board meeting.

Correspondence:

A thankyou basket of goodies was received from a family that lives in the district.

Promotions:

Will Grace was promoted to FFI and Kavi Taraka promoted to Lieutenant and is on Medic 101 full time.

Chief's Report:

The Lane County Radio Board of Governance was approved by Lane County Commissioners. The VHS system is now in the hands of Lane County tech services. The project is moving forward. Each district that is dispatched out of CLCC will have an agreement with the County. Chief Borland foresees further embedding with the LRIG. as a good partnership.

Lane County Public Works contacted Chief Borland re their use of the McBeth parking lot over the years, contributing to the breakdown of the parking lot. Lane County has offered to rip up old asphalt and lay down new with no charge to the district.

OSFM staffing grant has been good for LFA. The funds are nearly exhausted from upstaffing during red flag days, Oregon Country Fair, fires etc. Scheduling will be through the end of September. Chief Borland hopes OSFM continues the program.

There have been several short deployments in the last couple of weeks.

Cheryl & Chief Borland met with reps from Banner Bank to discuss banking services and establishing a money market account which would enable money to be moved from the LGIP. Banner Bank is competitive with their rates and has assured LFA that all money is collateralized. Chief Borland & Cheryl are evaluating if this would be a good move.

February 17th is the date for the awards banquet – mark your calendars

Captain Douglass discussed ambulance “wall-time” and went over statistics from 2019 to 2023. Information handed out showed that overall, wait time has doubled from 2019 to 2023. Charging for wall time is not necessarily the answer to shorten “wall time”. Other districts have added “wall time to their fee schedule or by resolution.

A letter to OHA re the closing of UDH and the hardship it will create for behavioral health patients, has been drafted. Agencies would like UDH to delay closing so there is time to construct secure rooms for patients with mental health/substance abuse issues at Peace Health and McKenzie-Willamette.

A Firewise presentation by ODF was held at Spencer Creek Station 109. Fire Marshall Brian Sayles and Asst. Chief Randy Wood attended and were questioned by patrons about what is happening in south battalion. A meeting to discuss information and future plans for will be set up sometime in the near future. There is misinformation that needs to be straightened out with community members.

IAFF:

Chief Borland mentioned a joint labor management meeting is schedule next month.

Maintenance:

Captain Nelson reviewed the maintenance report.

Public Comment: None

Volunteer Association: None

Best Practices: None

New Business:

The board member oath of office was administered to Mike Dennis by Chief Borland.

New residents at Station 116 are Marco Espinoza and Brandon Hart with Daniel Kemp remaining on.

The Station 117 contract has been held up due to insurance coverage recommended by LFA legal.

Skip Smith has proposed a re-memorialization of Station 116 to honor the 100th birthday of Jack Lamb, SCF's first paid fire chief. The memorial will be held October 21st at noon with refreshments and snacks served. Rod Graves & Mike Dennis will organize the event.

The Spencer Creek property purchase has closed, funded and recorded.

Past questionnaires for the fire chief's 360 evaluation were made available to everyone and will be available on the board website page as well. Any questions, comments or suggestions should go to Greg Deedon.

There are no updates from DEQ re Alvadore Station. Chief Borland will most likely have to reach out to them again.

Lane County would like to collaborate with LFA on use of the Spencer Creek property. This will be a future agenda item.

Old Business:

The regular board meetings for Lane Fire Authority was adjourned by board Presidents Pete Holmes and Russ Sirotek at 1:55 p.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: October 17th at 1:00 PM
LOCATION: 88050 Territorial Rd., Veneta