

## Lane Fire Authority

### Minutes for December 21st, 2017 Board Meeting

88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta

The regular board meeting for Lane Fire Authority was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Board chair John Baxter.

#### **Members Present:**

Pete Holmes     Greg Deedon     Ryan Walker     John Baxter     Bill Clendenen

#### **Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Bills:**

November's board minutes were approved.

There were no questions regarding the treasurer's report. Tax revenue is coming in and we are seeing an uptick in ambulance revenue.

#### **Correspondence:**

We continue to receive dozens of thank you letters and cards from residents and business owners for our firefighting efforts in California.

#### **Chief's Report:**

Lane Fire has done well on conflagration responses. To date, \$289,000 has been billed for conflagrations, with the district netting approximately \$91,000. This includes the ambulance stand-by for the Jones Fire which netted us about \$30,000.

Chief Ney acted as Fire Defense Chief in Chad Minters absence. Chief received a call regarding replacing crews in California and after working with several agencies, determined that replacing one of two strike teams would be possible. The need for replacement crews was cancelled.

Eugene-Springfield Fire really stepped up during the last conflagration.

Chief Ney is encouraging the state to look into air lifting crews and apparatus to/from conflagrations.

Our crews returned today, chief gave them administrative leave until after Christmas.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

**Volunteer Association Input:**

The Christmas party was nice-thankyou Volunteer Association.

**Best Practices:**

None

**New Business:**

**Crow Station** – Jon Jasper reported that good progress is being made. The district attorney is working to reconcile a property line issue, the well problem is solved. The next step is to create a long-term vision to ultimately create a station with sleeping quarters, showers, kitchen etc. Thus far, all project timelines have been met.

Kurt from Pivot Architecture presented a slide show and gave a detailed report on progress at the station what is to come and approximate timelines. This will be about a six month construction project beginning approximately May 2018.

**Fire Shelters** - Some of the monies received from conflagrations will be used for new fire shelters. We are in the process of soliciting bids.

**2016-17 Audit**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>2016-17 Audit for Lane Fire Authority</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Board members previously received a copy of the audit. Next year will be the last year Teresa Nohrenberg will be doing our audit. She is retiring
<b>Action Taken</b>	Motion to approve the made by Pete Holmes, seconded by Ryan Walker. All ayes.

**Comments:**

**Accusations-** a question was brought up regarding recent allegations of sexual misconduct in another fire district – concern was raised about the district acting in a timely manner. Chief Ney feels we act quickly, responsibly and efficiently and have swiftly handled any accusations. We use both internal and external investigations.

There being no further business, the regular business meeting of Lane Fire Authority was adjourned at 7:03 p.m. by board chair John Baxter.

**NEXT MEETING: January 18th 6:00 p.m.**  
**LOCATION: 88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta, OR**