

LFA Board Minutes

Lane Fire Authority
&
Santa Clara Fire

Minutes for January 17th, 2019 Board Meeting
88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta

The regular board meetings for Lane Fire Authority & Santa Clara Fire were called to order at 6:00 p.m. by board chairs John Baxter and Rod Graves respectively.

Board Members Present:

Pete Holmes Bill Clendenen Ryan Walker John Baxter Greg Deedon
 Rod Graves Susan Smith Don Phillips Russ Sirotek Frank
Taubenkrau

Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Bills:

Topic	December 2018 Board Minutes
Discussion	
Action taken	Motion made by Pete Holmes and seconded by Ryan Walker to approve January 2018 board minutes. Motion carried –all ayes.

A question was raised regarding the charges for banking services (line item 3241) for Lane Fire Authority. Chief Ney will check into this.

Correspondence:

Swearing In/Recognition:

None

Chief's Report:

California Conflagration Payment - Concerns have been raised about FEMA not sending money to California for last season's fires. Chief Ney contacted the coordinator at the State Fire Marshall's Office who feels that

conflagration monies will get paid regardless of FEMA funds. FEMA funds are directed more towards grants and loans for recovery from the fires. LFA is owed almost \$120,000. California has up to two years to pay – the last conflagration funds from California were paid in six months. The Fire Defense board feels that if conflagration money is not paid by the beginning of the upcoming fire season it may influence their decision to respond.

The state Fire Marshall's office (Oregon) has training scheduled for wildland firefighters. Non-federal training classes will not be affected by the government shut down however, federal classes will. In our general area there will not be a big effect.

Oregon Department of Forestry has already started their hiring process. From a federal standpoint there may be a scramble to get people hired and trained in a timely manner.

ICCO (Industrial Corridor Community Organization) – Chief Ney met with ICCO members regarding the long expired agreement with the City of Eugene to not allow annexation. The City of Eugene is proposing compensation in lieu of taxes which would use a formula stating that ICCO businesses would not be required to annex but must pay for services used. The city is looking at each category of service they provide, some of which are in LFA territory. These services would be assigned a value in the fee structure. After all was said and done, it was determined that the relationship between the City of Eugene and LFA is a fairly equal relationship. Fire doesn't factor into the equation. The city is looking into an agreement to not allow anymore annexation for an extended period of time.

Alvadore Station 112 – Chief Ney received an email disc from an Alvadore resident inquiring about LFA's roll in the event of a major disaster. The resident's impression was that if there were a major disaster, community members would show up at the station and LFA would feed and shelter them. Chief Ney explained the district's priority would be to keep the station open and functioning as a fire station and then take care of LFA families. LFA has got to be able to tell our people their families are safe. The district keeps a pretty good stock of water and 72 hour food supply at various LFA stations.

Chief Ney asked to be involved in future discussions

Letter of intent to Bargain- Local 851's contract expires June 30. There has been some talk about a type of program based on years of service that would earn union members some type of health insurance to cover them until they reach Medicare age. Chief Ney has had a conversation with our insurance provider about the possibility of this type of program.

Crow Station 111- The building permit is finally secured, concrete has been poured and a couple of walls have been framed. The project is finally going forward. Lane County put up a number of roadblocks but we are now moving forward.

Legislature- HB 2620 – This bill is a draft that would undo the county ambulance service area plan allowing city fire departments and districts who supply transport, to establish their own ambulance service plan in their jurisdiction independent of the county plan.

Chief Ney feels there would be many unintended consequences from this bill and it would be a giant step backwards. HB 2620 will be monitored very closely.

Government Shutdown- Because of the shutdown our grants are not being processed. This includes our SAFER Grant for personnel of which we have three. We are owed approximately \$80,000. LFA has paid the employees.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Volunteer Association Input:

None

Best Practices:

None

New Business:

Santa Clara Conflagration Money. LFA charged the prescribed rate while Riley was on the overhead team as the GIS person. The vehicle he used was an SCF vehicle which earned \$16,255.43. This money needs to be put in a fund.

Topic	SCF Apparatus Reserved Fund
Discussion	
Action taken	Motion made by Rod Graves and seconded by Frank Taubenkrau to approve putting \$16,255.43 in the SCF Apparatus Reserve Fund. Motion carried –all ayes.

Topic	SCF Resolution 2018 19 Number 1 Transfer of Funds from SCF to LFA
Discussion	Compensatory time wages for Randy Wood and Chris Staniak (employed by SCF at the time wages were earned) were paid from LFA funds. Santa Clara Fire needs to reimburse LFA for wages in the amount of \$10,576 from the Contingency Fund (line item 9000)
Action taken	Resolution signed.

The LFA audit was handed out to all board members. LFA is considerably over budget in the area of overtime primarily due to medical and personnel issues and conflagrations which all required back filling positions. The

current year's budget has a new line item that was created for conflagration overtime so the overtime budget won't be skewed.

LFA Position – The district is still down one position after Lt Boren retired. Captain Katie Johnson has chosen to stay on the shift schedule. The question is how to restructure positions to fill district needs. Chief Ney asked the training officer (Rose Douglass) and Captain Johnson if they thought positions could be consolidated. A new job description consolidating positions and a new job component has been written and Chief Ney is hoping to finalize the job description soon. The job will be posted internally.

Old Business:

Back Lot at 101 - We have been talking with a realtor that previously sold property for the district and are working with her to get recommendations.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the regular business meetings of Lane Fire Authority Santa Clara Fire were adjourned by their respective board presidents at 6:52.

**NEXT MEETING: February 21st 6:00 p.m. LOCATION: 88050
Territorial Hwy., Veneta, OR**