

LFA Board Minutes

Lane Fire Authority

&

Santa Clara Fire

February 20th, 2020 Board Meeting

88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta

The regular board meetings for Lane Fire Authority & Santa Clara Fire were called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Lane Fire Authority President Greg Deedon and Santa Clara Fire Board President Russ Sirotek.

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	January 2020 Board Minutes
Discussion	
Action taken	Motion made by John Baxter and seconded by Pete Holmes to approve January 2020 board minutes. Motion carried –all ayes.

Treasurer's Report: Both boards and the finance committee are receiving profit and loss ledgers in cash basis and accrual basis.

A question was raised regarding how up to date entries are made on the accrual ledger.

Correspondence:

Riverbend recognized Diana Beltran and Jeremy Howland with a STEMI award for fastest door to balloon time.

Chief's Report:

Chief Borland reminded board members to RSVP for the awards banquet at Shadow Hills Saturday, March 7th.

OSHA Consultation - OSHA contacted the district regarding a consultation at Santa Clara Station 116. Captain Thompson met with OSHA representatives at the station – the inspection/consultation went very well. This will probably be the last OSHA inspection SCF has because there are no longer any employees working at those locations every day.

Downspout at Station 116 – Junction City Fire is very interested in the Mako compressor the board surplussed. The compressor was valued at \$10,000 which the JC Fire board has already approved.

When it rains very hard the water doesn't drain completely away from the station. The downspout needs an elbow or extension.

Pyxis System Replacement – Captain Douglass continues to work with Eugene Springfield Fire on a replacement for the Pyxis system currently in use.

Hospital Wait Time – Chief Borland and others met with Riverbend to talk about hospital issues - primarily the wait time for medics at the hospital. Riverbend is revamping the hallway area and it should open up more room. Work continues with Riverbend on alternatives and options to ease wait time.

Health Insurance – Chief Borland attended a quarterly meeting at Wilson Heirgood Insurance (LFA insurance carrier) regarding our plan. LFA is currently in the OFCA "fire pool". Generally speaking the fire industry is a younger, healthier, safer pool of people which is why "fire" is in its own pool.

Currently, premiums that SDAO charges are just about even with OFCA premiums. If "fire" returns to the SDAO pool there should be a premium decrease.

Ultimately the Fire Chief's Association will decide whether or not the fire pool returns to SDAO.

Reimbursement for NFPA Physicals – LFA will be reimbursed for all career people who had physicals in calendar year 2019. This amounts to a refund of approximately \$5,100

Dispatch Services – Chief Borland made it clear that under no circumstances will LFA be moving to Junction City Police for dispatch services.

Credit Cards - Information was handed out regarding credit card services from US Bank. Chief Borland has questions regarding interest rates etc. and is not prepared to make a recommendation at this time.

Grant Applications – AC Wood reported that he and Tim Whitaker are working on grant applications for a pumper and an ambulance through AFG. Applications are due March 13th. LFA's portion to pay would be 15% of the total package.

Public Comment: None

Volunteer Association: The Volunteer Association has received an additional \$1,000 in response to their request for donations for thermal imagers.

Public Comment: None

Volunteer Association Input: None

Best Practices: None

New Business:

Topic	Alternating Board Meeting Locations
Discussion	Discussion was held regarding alternating board meetings locations. Different options were discussed, one being meeting once a quarter at Station 116.
Action taken	Motion made by John Baxter and seconded by Rod Graves to approve the March board meeting being held at station 116. Motion carried –all ayes.

Budget Committee Members – Once budget calendar dates are set, potential committee members need to be contacted to see if they will commit to serve.

Ambulance Rates – Lane Rural has not raised ambulance rates since 2010. Chief Borland will begin comparing district rates with both local and state transportation rates across Oregon. Chief Borland will also check with our ambulance billing company to see how LFA compares to west coast ambulance rates. Even if/when rates are raised it does not mean the entire rate increase will be recognized – there is usually a percentage of the rate increase that will actually be recognized.

Any new rate can be passed either by resolution or ordinance of the board. Chief Borland does not want any rate increase to go in to effect until July 1, 2020 to give our billing company time to react.

Dispatch – LFA will be getting information from dispatch regarding how many times we respond out of our ASA for ALS transport.

Old Business:

Topic	Sale of Surplus Air Compressor
Discussion	Junction City Fire is very interested in the Mako compressor the board previously surplussed. The compressor was valued at \$10,000 - JC Fire board has already approved the purchase of the compressor for \$10,000.
Action taken	Motion made by Pete Holmes and seconded by John Baxter to approve the sale of the Mako compressor to Junction City Fire. Motion carried –all ayes.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the regular business meetings of Lane Fire Authority and Santa Clara Fire were adjourned by their respective board presidents at 7:18 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: March 19th 6:00 p.m. LOCATION: 3939 River Road
Eugene, OR**