

Lane Fire Authority

Minutes for March 15th, 2018 Board Meeting

88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta

The regular board meeting for Lane Fire Authority was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Board Chair John Baxter.

Members Present:

Pete Holmes Greg Deedon Ryan Walker John Baxter Bill Clendenen

Present from Santa Clara Fire District: Chief Randy Wood, director Susan Smith, director Russ Sirotek.

Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Bills:

February's board minutes were approved.
There were no questions regarding the treasurer's report.
Funds are beginning to come in from the Safer Grant.

Correspondence:

Chief Ney read two thankyou notes received from community members.

Swearing In:

Whitney Hutcheson-Warren and Nathan Brown were sworn-in - both received their badges and yellow helmets.

Awards: Awards were presented to those who did not make it to the Awards Banquet.

Chief's Report:

Santa Clara Board Meeting – Chief Ney attended the SC Board Meeting Tuesday. A draft of the contract between the two districts was presented during the meeting. Chief Ney is very encouraged and feels that, at this point, the districts will make it work. Challenges that may come up will be dealt with as they arise.

Work Group – The group is continuing to work on a staffing model to improve coverage. A lot of money has been spent on overtime which LFA cannot sustain - the group is working toward alleviating overtime as well as more efficient staffing. Hopefully by the April board meeting a draft of the plan will be available.

Crow Station Project – A budget for the project has not been finalized. Expenditure guidelines have become more restricted and LFA's portion of the project may be higher than originally anticipated. Expectations were based on previous grants. More details will be available during the next board meeting.

Northwest Leadership Seminar - Chief Ney recently attended the leadership seminar and felt it was very good. He will also be going to the OFCA Conference and the IAFC Symposium.

Boat Training – Kristy Cates will be doing training for the new boat. One of the classes will be held at Florence running alongside the Coast Guard.

Public Comment:

None

Volunteer Association Input:

Kristy Cates, Association President, thanked the board for their support. Next month there will be a game night on a drill evening.

Applications for scholarships will be available soon.

Stan Turner and Kristy will be attending a future Santa Clara Volunteer Association Meeting. One area the association’s need to work on is melding the groups together. The by-laws of both groups will need to be re-written as well as financial issues finalized.

Best Practices:

Second Reading of Ordinance 2018-1 Adopting Fire Season Regulations - The purpose of proposed ordinance 2018-1 is to establish fire season regulations consistent with the Oregon Department of Forestry. This ordinance would give the district jurisdiction to enforce provisions of the ordinance throughout LFA territory, including cities. Chief Ney read the ordinance in its entirety.

If approved by the board, a copy of the ordinance will go before the Veneta City Council, and the Lane County Board of Commissioners to be adopted.

New Business:

Topic	Resolution 2018-2 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of tax lot and Authorizing Chief Ney to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement on Behalf of Lane Fire Authority
Discussion	Board members previously received a copy of the resolution. There was no discussion
Action Taken	Motion to approve made by Greg Deedon, seconded by Pete Holmes. All ayes.

Old Business:

None

There being no further business, the regular business meeting of Lane Fire Authority was adjourned at 6:43 p.m. by board chair John Baxter.

NEXT MEETING: April 19th 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta, Or