Lane Fire Authority & Santa Clara Fire

Minutes for January 20th, 2022 Board Meeting

88050 Territorial Rd. Veneta, OR

The regular board meetings for Santa Clara Fire and Lane Fire Authority were called to order by Lane Fire Authority Board Vice-President Pete Holmes at 6:04 pm and by Santa Clara Board President Russ Sirotek at 6:04 pm. Both meetings were held virtually and in person.

Board Members Present:

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

Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Bills:

Торіс	December 2021 Board Minutes	
Discussion		
Action	John Baxter made a motion to approve December 2021 board minutes. All ayes.	
taken		

Treasurers Report:

The current Profit & Loss shows that the district is where it should be for this time of year. Tax revenue is at 80.6% with another influx expected in May.

Fire Med is about \$10,000 short at this time

Personnel Services is at 57.9% of budget.

All conflagration reimbursements are in with the exception of Wrentham & Markam. Once all revenue from conflagrations is received there will be a resolution(s) to distribute funds to specific line items bringing them back in line. For instance, revenue from apparatus will most likely go in to Building & Maintenance and Maintenance & Repair as there have been some larger expenditures in those areas.

The Finance Committee met yesterday. The team will begin budgeting in earnest in February after the next board meeting. As the finance committee begins to lay the groundwork for the upcoming budget year there will probably be two Finance meetings a month.

Chief Wood has developed a purchasing form to help identify projects that need to be included in the budget. This will be helpful for budget requests and to keep requests at the forefront so they are not dropped or forgotten.

Correspondence: None

Promotions/Recognition: None

Chiefs Report:

The district finished 2021 with 6,820 calls for service-the highest number ever for the district. T

Battalion Chiefs are beginning to run reports showing reaction times from dispatch to enroute. Our ultimate goal is to improve chute times. Tracking will be for medic units by shift. Results will be posted monthly at each station. BC's will work with crews to improve times.

Omicron Variant – This version of Covid is much less severe but spreads rapidly. We've had a few exposures/quarantines. The district is adhering to guidelines and to date, have not drafted personnel for coverage.

GEMT- The information has been submitted to the state for current round. Chief Borland signed the CCO contract late December. CCO/GEMT reimbursements will be large because they are retroactive to January ,1 2021. The amount of reimbursement will be approximately \$200,000.

Fee for service reimbursement should be approximately. \$275,000.

Chief's Borland and Wood will be meeting with Chief's Heppel and Brown from Eugene Springfield Fire. They will be discussing operations, auto-aid agreements and possible changes ESF may be making regarding medics in the metro area.

The Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) was paid just after January 1, 2022.

Banner Bank will refresh the commitment letter and the loan will be moving forward. Chief Borland would like to time the loan nearer to the time the new medic is purchased. One medic will be paid for from the Banner Bank loan, one from the ARPA funds and one from the AFG Grant. Other equipment will be purchased from the Banner loan i.e., stair char, power load cot etc. as these were not included in the grant.

This type of loan contract is no longer done by Local Government Law -the district will choose a bonding company recommended by LGL. The contract will be written and then approved by Banner Bank.

Chief Borland and Chief Wood will be meeting to discuss the new brush rig. which will be paid for from ARPA funds and housed at Station 101. The chassis will be ordered soon chassis - the build will begin in June. The district will take delivery after the 2022 wildland season is over.

The district loaned a reserve medic unit to Western Lane Ambulance. The standard lease agreement covers damage, repairs and insurance.

IAFF:

Bill Potterf echoed Chief Borland's words about being very, very busy with calls. Transport numbers are high.

The work group has met a couple of times; among other subjects, upcoming contract negotiations have been discussed.

Maintenance Report:

A question was raised about an additional \$510 dollars added to the tree trimming bid at Station 116. Captain explained that an addendum to trim trees on school property was simply overlooked. Even with the additional \$510, the total cost was well under the other bids.

The lighting project is on schedule.

Public Comment:

A question was raised via Facebook re response times and out of district runs. Chief Borland gave a brief answer and will also call the patron to explain further as the answer is somewhat convoluted because other counties and facility locations come into play.

Volunteer Association:

The Volunteer Association gave five \$1,500 scholarships of \$1500 each. The recipients are taking classes towards EMS.

Best Practices: None

New Business:

Chief Wood reported that the fence project at Station 107 is complete. A grant of approximately \$2,000 from SDAO paid for one-half of the project.

Four LFA folks will be going back to Pierce mid-February to check on build-out for the new engine mid-Feb.

Chief Wood reported that the hydrant issue in north battalion will be taken care of right away.

SCF Topic	Air-Pacs	
Discussion	Santa Clara has somewhere between 20 and 30 air pacs that have not been used for	
	quite some time. The air pacs could be used in Columbia if the board would like to	
	donate them.	
Action	Rod Graves made a motion to donate the air pacs, seconded by Russ Sirotek. All ayes.	
taken		

Chief Wood reported the Community Emergency Notification System in the Santa Clara area will be tested sometime in March.

Old Business:

SCF Topic	SCF 2021 Audit
Discussion	Chief Borland asked board members if they would like an Accuity representative to
	attend the February board meeting (virtually or in person) to review/discuss/answer
	questions re the audit. All board members were comfortable with the audit.
Action	Rod Graves made a motion to approve the audit, seconded by Susan Smith. All ayes.
taken	

LFA Topic	LFA 2021 Audit
Discussion	Chief Borland asked board members if they would like a representative from Accuity to
	attend the February board meeting (virtually or in person) to review/discuss/answer
	questions re the audit. All board members were comfortable with the audit.
Action	John Baxter made a motion to approve the audit, seconded by Pete Holmes. All ayes
taken	

Chief Borland requested a supplement with the audit showing what was budgeted vs what was spent. This was included with the audit.

LFA looks good overall and ended the year with approximately \$1.6 million in carry-over cash. The previous year was approximately \$677,000 in carry over cash.

The district is beginning to build up the cash carry-over fund.

Chief Borland will begin discussing special funds soon.

Executive Session

Pete Holmes recessed the regular board meeting of Lane Fire Authority in order to go into Executive session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations ORS 192.660(2)(0).

Vice President Holmes reconvened the regular board meeting of Lane Fire Authority at 7:06

The regular board meetings for Santa Clara Fire and Lane Fire Authority were adjourned at 7:10 pm by board Vice-President, Pete Holmes (LFA) and President Russ Sirotek (SCF).

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: February 17th, 2021 6:00 PM LOCATION: In Person at Station 101 and virtually