

LFA Board Minutes

Lane Fire Authority & Santa Clara Fire

Minutes for December 17th, 2020 Board Meeting

88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta, OR

The regular board meetings for both Santa Clara Fire and Lane Fire Authority were called to order at 6:04 pm by LFA board Vice-Presidents Ryan Walker and SCF President Russ Sirotek. Both board meetings were held virtually.

Board Members Present:

Pete Holmes Bill Clendenen Ryan Walker John Baxter Greg Deedon
(present in person)

Rod Graves Susan Smith Don Phillips Russ Sirotek Frank Taubenkrau

Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Bills:

Topic	November 2020 Board Minutes
Discussion	
Action taken	Frank Taubenkrau made a motion to approve the November 2020 board minutes, seconded by Pete Holmes. All ayes.

Treasurers Report:

Finance committee met yesterday- overall feeling comfortable. Slightly ahead of schedule on collecting tax revenue at 94%.

1.3 million has been drawn from the TAN-no additional funds will be withdrawn. The note will be paid sometime next week.

Overtime is at 51.5% of budget.

Some budget line items are over budget due to Covid expenses. The district should be reimbursed for most of these expenditures through CARES Act funds.

We are nearly at the mid-year mark.

Flex Lease- Chief Borland reached out to Banner Bank to discuss potentially refinancing the last payment of the "flex lease" and add funds to it. Chief 's primary concern is that the district should already be in the process of building and buying two new medic units. The interest rate (at this time) is just under 3.3% on a ten-year term loan. Chief feels this may be the best way to keep up with a medic

rotation. There are other programs available and more “homework” needs to be completed to determine the best terms for the district.

This will be brought to the board at a later meeting-Chief Borland would like to proceed sooner rather than later as the process to build a new medic unit is about 8 months.

The new grant engine will go to Station 115. We have a lot of aging apparatus and the district can continue using them, however, the repairs will begin to out-weigh the value of the apparatus.

Recognition: None

Correspondence:

Chief Borland read a recognition letter from BLM regarding Cole Webster going above and beyond.

Promotions: None

Chiefs Report:

GEMT – The district will receive two reimbursements this fiscal year and will then be caught up.

The State of Oregon along with several agencies in the state have been in discussion with Oregon Health Authority re inclusion of both Medicaid and coordinated care transports.

Oregon is working toward having both in the GEMT Program.

Covid Update- Currently we have no one in quarantine. No one is at Station 116. All district people are going through mandatory Covid training now.

Covid Vaccinations will be available soon to district personnel.

Stuff the Truck- Done locally in Veneta for area residents, food donations were down a little. Cash donations were very generous with just under \$6,000.

Cares Act Projects- Chief Wood applied for a 50 /50 match grant program through SDAO for security locks for medication vaults.

The gate project at 101 is almost complete.

A new device the Lucas Ttol we now have two purchased through the Cares Act.

We do have another source for funding equipment.

New Engine Grant - Details of the new engine contract are nearly final.

Testing Process - The testing process for Paramedic/Firefighter position is in process. Once this process is complete, the district will have a new hiring list.

IAFF: None

Public Comment: None

Volunteer Association: None

Best Practices: None

Old Business:

Bond Measure – The Budget and Finance Committee has had significant conversations about proceeding with a new levy on the May ballot.

Some of the feedback from the public was that .50 per thousand was

too much to ask. Voting results were consistent across all precincts.

A message needs to be crafted to educate and

inform the public. The Union PAC should be

involved.

Chief Wood explained what 35 cents per thousand would mean with regard to hiring 3 Paramedic/Engineer positions.

If LFA continues down this road budget after budget, the district cannot survive as it exists now-positions will need to cut.

Other: Stan Turner as retired after 25 years as a volunteer responder.

There being no further business, the regular business meeting of Lane Fire Authority was adjourned by LFA board vice-president Ryan Walker at 7:14 pm and SCF board president Russ Sirotek at 7:14 pm.

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: January
21st 2021 6:00 PM LOCATION: VIRTUAL
MEETING**