

**Lane Fire Authority & Santa Clara Fire**  
**Minutes for July 18th, 2023 Board Meeting**  
88050 Territorial Rd., Veneta OR

The regular board meetings for Lane Fire Authority and Santa Clara Fire were called to order by Lane Fire Authority Vice President Pete Holmes at 1:00 pm and Santa Clara Board President Russ Sirotek at 1:00 pm. Both meetings were held virtually and in person.

**Board Members Present:**

Pete Holmes    Bill Clendenen    Ryan Walker    John Baxter    Greg Deedon  
In person                      Virtually                      In person                      In person                      Virtually

Rod Graves    Susan Smith    Don Phillips    Russ Sirotek    Frank Taubenkrau  
In Person                      Virtually                      In Person                      In Person                      In Person

**Minutes, Treasurer’s Report and Bills:**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>June 2023 Board Minutes</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Board minutes were previously sent to all board members.
<b>Action taken</b>	John Baxter made a motion to approve the July 2023 board minutes, seconded by Ryan Walker. All ayes.

**Treasurers Report:**

LFA will come in under budget for the year.  
The new fiscal year has just begun.  
The district will carry over \$2,444,000 for the 2022-23 fiscal year.  
The TAN has been secured.

**Correspondence:** None

**Promotions:** None

**Chief’s Report:**

The Oregon State Fire Marshals’ seasonal staffing grant for \$35,000 has already been put to use with additional staffing for the Country Fair, red flag days, fires etc.

LFA crews along with ODF stopped a fire on Halderson Rd. which could have easily got out of control. The wind was a factor. Extra staffing (from the OSFM grant) was on board which helped immensely. A drone was deployed to help determine the direction of the fire.

There was also a fire on Pine Grove Rd. which started in a shop

There are two applicants for the Maintenance Position. Testing will be the 25<sup>th</sup> of July.

The deadline for Resident Trainee applications was extended by several weeks. Potentially, there will be three new trainees at St 101 and one at St 116.

DEQ responded re the Alvadore "contamination" issue and are ready to give a letter of final determination. DEQ may be expecting some amount of renumeration-Chief Borland has reached out to DEQ but has not received a reply.

AC Wood gave Mid Valley a tour of St 117 in order to determine if the building will suit their needs. Mid Valley would like to move forward with getting a lease in place. AC Wood will be handling the lease agreement.

Eugene Pro Rodeo standby. July 3<sup>rd</sup> there was an incident with a bull rider and LFA medics medics - some of the contract rodeo crew were not pleased with how the situation was handled. There was some physical contact between our crew and rodeo crew.

Chief Borland informed Jamie Defoe that LFA would no longer do stand-by for the rodeo. There seems to be some sort of incident every year. LFA will continue to do standby for horse shows.

The draft agreement for the property next to St.109 has been sent to the seller-Chief Borland is waiting to hear back

The chassis for the Brush 109 remount has not yet arrived.

During the 4<sup>th</sup> of July there were seven firework incidents-crews were out until 2 am responding to them.

The Country Fair went great. There were multiple calls but everything went off with no issues.

**IAFF:** None

**Maintenance:**

The fencing project has been put on hold – it is cost prohibitive. Other solutions to enhance security could be additional lighting, move the Conex containers, possibly upgrade cameras etc.

Paving at 116 is on the docket-Captain Nelson is guessing it will cost about \$100,000. He will contact SDAO to talk about correctly putting the project out to bid.

**Public Comment:** None

**Volunteer Association:**

Mark Peabody, Association President, spoke about recent Association accomplishments; four \$1,500 scholarships were given, radio straps were purchased - two for each station, gym

memberships paid for, a tree was planted at 101 in honor of Rod Smith and participation in the Harrisburg 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade with three apparatus and about twenty members.

Stan Turner is in the process of updating the honor wall.

The Association is sponsoring an Em's game August 20th at 4:05 pm.

Mark Peabody was congratulated for being chosen firefighter of the year.

### **Best Practices:**

There is a link on the board web page.

### **New Business:**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>LFA Appoint Board President for 2023-2024</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Nominations were opened for board president.
<b>Action taken</b>	John Baxter made a motion to appoint Pete Holmes board president, seconded by Ryan Walker. All ayes.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>LFA Appoint Board Vice President for 2023-2024</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Nominations were opened for board vice president.
<b>Action taken</b>	John Baxter made a motion to appoint Ryan Walker board vice president, seconded by Pete Holmes. All ayes.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>LFA Appoint Board Secretary/Treasurer for 2023-2024</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Nominations were opened for board secretary/treasurer.
<b>Action taken</b>	John Baxter made a motion to approve the April 2023 board minutes, seconded by Ryan Walker. All ayes.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>SCF Appoint Board President for 2023-2024</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Nominations were opened for board president.
<b>Action taken</b>	Don Phillips made a motion to appoint Russ Sirotek as board president, seconded by Rod graves. All ayes.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>SCF Appoint Board Vice President for 2023-2024</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Nominations were opened for board vice president.
<b>Action taken</b>	Don Phillips made a motion to appoint Rod Graves as board vice-president, seconded by Russ Sirotek. All ayes.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>SCF Appoint Board Secretary/Treasurer for 2023-2024</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Nominations were opened for board Secretary/Treasurer.
<b>Action taken</b>	Russ Sirotek made a motion to appoint Susan Smith Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Rod Graves. All ayes.

Mid Valley Ambulance has decided to continue for the next year or two. They are now without a building and have reached out to Chief Borland to see about the possibility of leasing Station 117. Santa Clara board members would like to move forward with a lease agreement.

**Old Business:**

No letter of resignation has been received from Frank Taubenkrau.

Greg Deedon was not prepared to present material on the 360 chief's evaluation.

**OTHER:**

SCF Station 116 contains several pieces of custom furniture they would like to remove before Mid-Valley moves in.

The regular board meeting for Lane Fire Authority was adjourned by vice president Pete Holmes at 1:42. The Santa Clara Fire board meeting was adjourned at 1:42 pm by board president Russ Sirotek.

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: August 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM**

**LOCATION: 88050 Territorial Rd., Veneta, OR**